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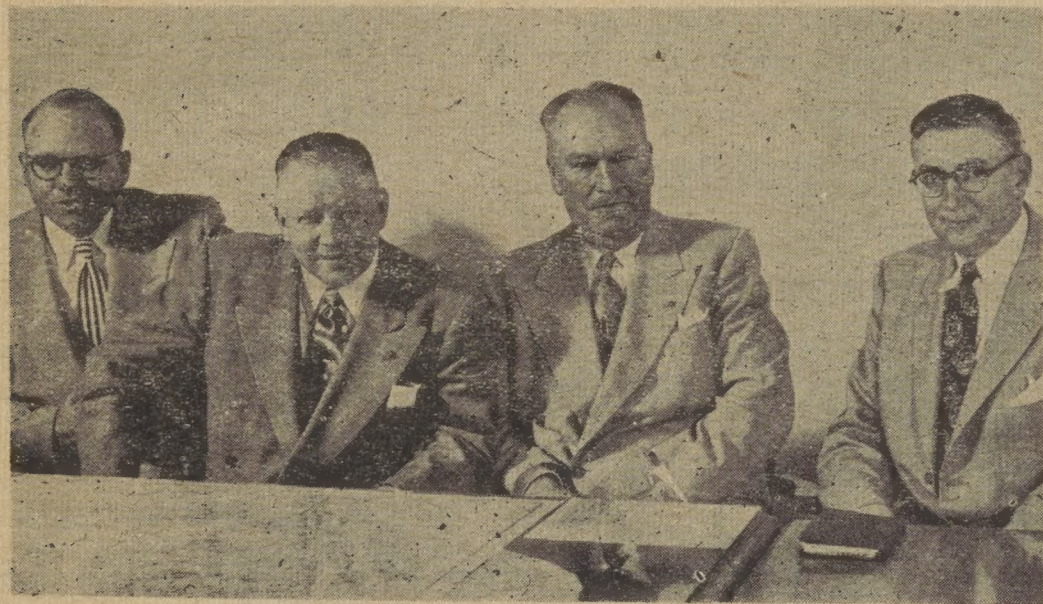
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New Presidency, San Francisco Stake



LEFT TO RIGHT: Ira I. Somers, first counselor; Serge J. Lauper, president; Wilford B. Murray, second counselor; B. Herman Schettler, stake clerk. The new presidency was sustained at the stake's regular quarterly conference, Sunday, October 12, 1952.

San Francisco Stake News

Prof. Crawford Gates To Wed Georgia Lauper In December

By JEAN LAUPER.

At the recent Stake Conference, October 11 and 12, the visiting authorities effected a change in the Stake Presidency. After six years of leadership, J. Bryan Barton and his counselors, Serge J. Lauper and Ira I. Somers were released. Immediately following, Serge J. Lauper was sustained as president with Ira I. Somers as first and Wilford B. Murray as second counselors.

B. Herman Schettler will continue to serve as stake clerk. President Lauper has had the opportunity of serving under every president of the San Francisco Stake. Under W. Aird McDonald he was Bishop of Dimond Ward, in Oakland for five years, then moving to San Francisco he was called by Stephen H. Winter to be Bishop of Sunset Ward, during which time the beautiful stake house and Sunset ward chapel was erected. While he was still bishop Howard MacDonald became Stake president.

Claude Peterson was the next president and Elder Lauper was appointed his second counselor, a position he filled for five years. Under president J. Bryan Barton, Elder Lauper was first counselor for six years. Ira Somers was called from the High Council to fill the position of second counselor under President Barton, and now

Wilford B. Murray has been called from the High Council to the same position under President Lauper.

A most important date on the calendar is November 8 at 8 p.m. On this evening the entire stake will join in a party and reception honoring President and Sister Barton. Friends of the Bartons from all surrounding stakes are urged to attend this festive evening. Wesley T. Benson is general chairman.

Stake conference brought another important change. The sixth ward of San Francisco stake was created. Called to preside as bishop over the Balboa Second Ward was John Breckon. As counselors he has chosen Hugo Jenkins and Wilford B. Lindman. Ward clerks are Vernal T. Kenner and Tom Kennedy.

Bishop Breckon and his wife, Edna, came to San Francisco from Weiser, Idaho, and Ontario, Oregon. The Breckons have five children, one a recent bride, one soon to be married, two young sons, and a tiny daughter. Hugo and Rena Jenkins have one small daughter; Wilford and Mary Louise Lindman have four children. The ward clerks are also family men, Vernal and Inez Kennedy have two children; Tom and

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Jay Robinson and Patsy Craig, Singing Stars Of the Popular Light Opera, HMS Pinafore



HOW ABOUT A DATE TO TUNEFUL LIGHT OPERA?

Something sparkling and bubbling; something gay and lively; colorful, tripping, lilted.

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When? — Friday, November 21, 1952
Where? — Oakland Civic Auditorium Theatre
Time? — 8:30 p.m.

What? — Gilbert and Sullivan's well-known and popular light opera, "H.M.S. Pinafore." The action of this ever new, fast moving and hilarious operetta takes place aboard one of His Majesty's ships in the Royal English Navy.

Featured in the operatic production is a group of artists well known in Oakland music circles, with Patsy Craig and Jay Robinson taking the romantic leads.

Other leading roles are being sung by Emmy Stam, Bob Brum-

mett, Blaine Wilson, Leah Finch, Gene Harris, Carl Decker and Glen K. Shaw. Here, indeed is talent of a high order.

The 40-voice mixed chorus is being accompanied by Al Wyatt's San Leandro Symphonets, a 30-piece symphony orchestra which has received top acclaim.

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Marion Caldwell and Lew Roland literally topped the 1952 building operations of the Liahona Lodge when they tapped the last shingle in place on the weekend of October 25.

Both the Lodge proper and the Utility building have had their four sides properly oiled by paint contractor, E. Verl Bennett.

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Total Paid Labor..... 688.99

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Balance Unpaid.....1,356.66
Cash on Hand.....1,759.14
316.00

Net Obligations.....\$1,443.14

EARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS

Opportunity for a few extra dollars from constructive service is offered to a few aggressive LDS persons probably women, or couples.

Communicate with Leo J. Muir, 1814 South New England St., Los Angeles 6, Calif., editor of "A Century of Mormon Activities in California."

In parts of California some stakes are reported supervising the sale of this magnificent LDS publication for the benefit of stake tabernacle building programs, deriving from \$3,000 to \$6,000 on these sales. In other stakes individuals are earning helpful sums for pleasant part-time work.

Dying Woman's Bequest In S. F. Gives Her Eye To Blind Boy

Mrs. Ila W. S. Murray, a San Francisco philanthropist who died in late August seemed almost to reach her arm from the grave in blessing on a blinded youth of Fairfax, Marin County.

In a Christ-like bequest she had before provided that at her death her eyes be left to the Stanford Eye Bank. A few hours after her death the corneal operation was performed on the 18-year boy giving him his first clear view in his left eye.

"Now everything I look at is beautiful, the faces around me and the sky and the buildings. It's all new and wonderful," declared Donald Ertman, the Drake High School graduate in San Anselmo.

CONFERENCES

Berkeley Stake Conference, Saturday and Sunday, November 15-16.

Sunday service, 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Palo Alto Stake Conference, November 29-30.

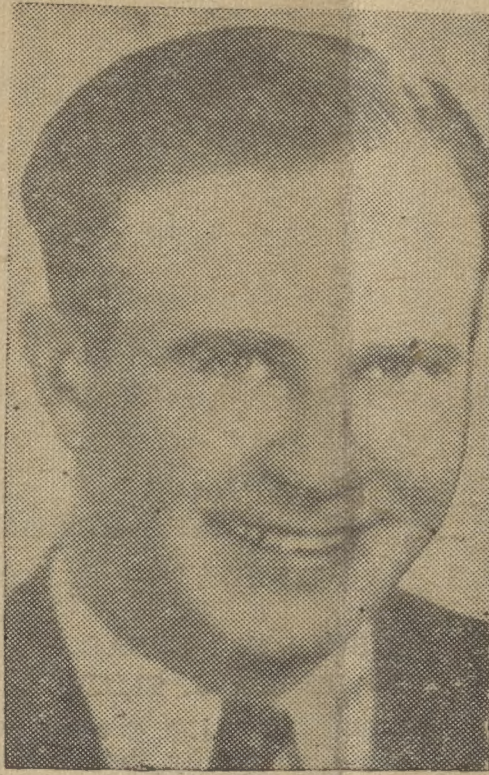
Elder Lee Explains Personal Revelations And Testimonies

Elder Harold B. Lee of the Council of the Twelve spoke on "Divine Revelation" to over 5,000 members of the BYU October 18. "Every individual in his station has the right to enjoy revelation in the conduct of his affairs," declared the apostle.

"Revelations may come in the form of a still, small voice within a person," he continued, "or they may come in other forms. But all revelation comes thru the power of the Holy Ghost."

"I come to you as one who sits in the company of men who commune with our Heavenly Father in

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—S. L. Tribune
Gard Young



Bp. Wallace N. Allred

Former Member San Francisco Stake Brutally Murdered In Chester, Calif.

Gard Young, grandson of Dow Young, brother of Brigham Young, a former ardent and very active missionary of San Francisco Stake, and at his death, in the same work in Westwood Ward, former bishop's counselor and ardent Church worker in Chester and Westwood, was brutally murdered Friday, October 10, not far from his home.

Sharing with him in the shocking death tragedy were his two adopted daughters, Judy, 6, and Jean, 7, and a neighbor's child, Michael Saile, 4, all of whom were bludgeoned to death, as was Elder Young. All four bodies were found October 11 jammed into the trunk of the Young's automobile as it stood on a side road in the forested area about a mile off the highway between Chester and Westwood. Sondra Young, 3, was found beaten but alive. She now is convalescing at the hospital in Westwood.

Main speaker at Westwood's saddest funeral, attended by approximately a thousand who crowded the ward chapel or sat on the lawns and other rooms, listening over temporarily installed loud speakers, was Bishop Wallace N. Allred of Mission Ward, San Francisco. Gard Young and his wife, Christal, had been active stake missionaries in Mission Ward for several years before they moved to northern California. Mrs. Young requested Elder Allred as the speaker.

Bishop Allred spoke glowingly of the excellent character and devoted services rendered by this family now so tragically afflicted. Sister Young served as president of the Mission Ward Relief Society for two or three years.

Gard was a studious, fervent missionary and succeeded in bringing three or four converts into the Church in San Francisco. He worked as street car conductor, taxicab driver and bridge toll collector at different times. But Gard prospered in the grocery business in San Francisco. One of the two locations his store occupied was at the corner of Eureka and 22nd Street.

When the Youngs left the city by the Golden Gate they were "well fixed," says their former bishop.

While in San Francisco Gard Young passed a course in aviation. During World War II he was called to serve as a Navy flight instructor at the War Training Service field in Susanville. That took Gard and the family to that lumbering area.

Later he opened his currently

thriving super market in Chester. The family lived in a lovely six-room apartment above their very modern market. At his death, it is said, Gard owned several pieces of business property in Chester including the present building used as the town's post office.

Gard had once owned the property where the moving picture house now stands next door to the Young's Market.

Young had sold the land to Mr. Blair, present owner and show operator, a man who was at once suspected of the crime. He had at one time quarreled with Young over the terms of a water lease. Other circumstances at first seemed to link Blair to the crime, but he was released from custody after a lie detector test proved inconclusive as to his guilt.

Gard Young, grandson of Dow Young, a brother of President Brigham Young, was born in Huntington, Utah 43 years ago and attended the BYU before coming to California 15 years ago at age 28. His mother, Mary Young, lived in Mission Ward with Gard. Her home now is one Gard built for her so she could be near him. Vance Young, brother to Gard, lived in Sacramento.

Mrs. Christal Young is the mother of another child, Wayne, 5½ months old. She buried her first baby, Gardiner Lee, almost at birth, five years ago. Now the father and two others of the Young's children rest together in the same cemetery in Westwood.

Mrs. Christal Young was born and raised in Emery County. She filled a full-time mission for the Church and did much to stimulate her family to activity in their church duties.

Gard Young is declared to have been one of the most studious and well-posted men on Church doctrine in Reno Stake, a stake which includes Westwood. He was said to be constantly studying the standard works of the Church. Bishop Allred states that Gard usually had a Book of Mormon handy in the office of his store for perusal as time allowed.

The Church Answers Bible Versions - Which Shall We Use

Under the question heading reproduced above the October 4, 1952 Church Section of the Deseret News gives the answer of the Church to that question, it is understood. The article appears as an editorial.

A new translation of the Bible has been advertised very widely for several weeks past throughout the nation. It is known as the Revised Standard Version. For this new version the Council of Churches of Christ in America, its sponsors, point out that they have been helped by many lately upturned Bible manuscripts which date far earlier than those that were available to the translators of the earlier King James version of the Bible.

CHIEF CRITICISM

The Deseret News editorial aims its chief criticisms at the thought that "some translators changed the wording of the scriptures to fit their own sectarian doctrinal notions." And it continues, "The widely advertised Revised Standard Version admits of such changes, saying in the preface that alterations were made, otherwise the renderings would have been 'entirely inappropriate for the universal faith of the Christian Church'."

Parrying this statement, the

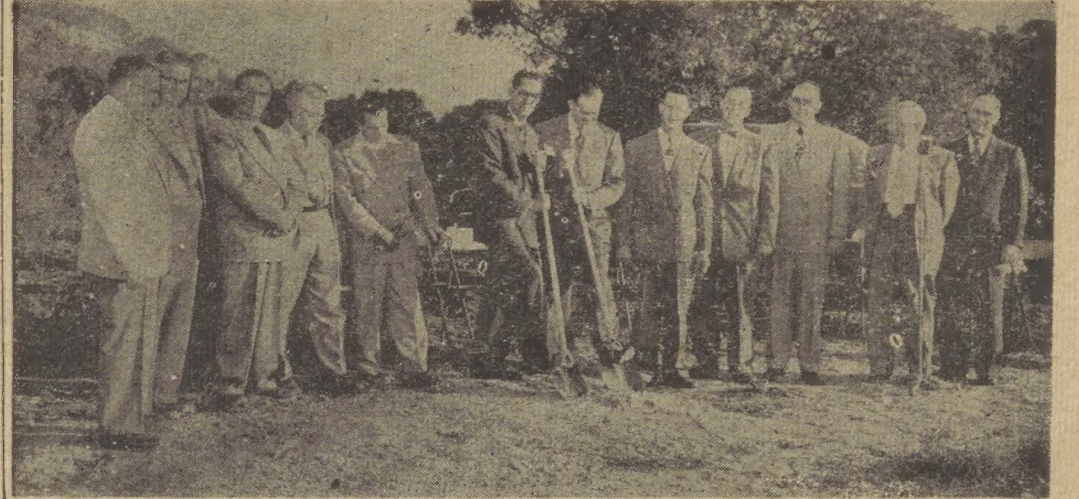
KING JAMES VERSION PREFERRED

To justify its favorable attitude to the King James' Authorized Version of the Bible, the Deseret News editorial points out (1) that the version most closely resembles the inspired translation of many passages as they appear in the Book of Mormon, and (2) the King James version also most closely resembles the Inspired Version partly completed by the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Moreover it is stated that this same version of the Bible is officially used in the church as one of our Four Standard Works.

Continuing the statement of reasons for still holding to the King James Authorized Version the editorial points out a few specific objections to the new Revised Standard Version. For instance, "Through foot notes some times and at other times in the actual text, some of these translators urge omission of the expressions, 'Son of God,' when the scriptures refer to Jesus; they omit portions of the Lord's Pray-

Napa Ward Breaks Ground for a Chapel



CIVIC LEADERS of Napa city and county joined church leaders in the observance of ground breaking ceremonies for the new \$200,000 chapel of the Napa Ward, to be built on a lovely hilltop in the eastern part of the city. Left to right: Carl Laughridge, manager of the Napa Chamber of Commerce; Paul Young, chamber president; Mervin Lash, merchants' committee chairman; Supervisor Al Lauritsen, Councilman Washington Mannerling, Chairman of Supervisors Lowell Edgington, Santa Rosa Stake President John L. Murdock, Reed W. Keller, Bishop Allan Woolley, Rex Candland, Ferrin Francom, George W. Bruerton and Thomas C. Byrne.

A Long-Anticipated Day Arrives in Napa; Patient Waiting, Working, Rewarded At Last

By JAMES C. YOUNG

To all members of the Napa ward and especially to the three leaders who had long worked to make it possible, the ground breaking ceremony October 11 for a chapel, a ward "home," was a reward, a thrill, the realization of a cherished dream and a great challenge all rolled into one.

To Bishop Allan Woolley, it was a major step in the climb toward chapel ownership.

Stake President John L. Murdock and former bishop Reed W. Keller years ago took the initiative in Napa's building program.

In attendance, along with approximately 250 ward members, were many Napa business and civic leaders. Washington Mannerling of the city council acted for Mayor Owen Seavey who was out of town.

Lowell Edgington, senior member of the board of county supervisors and Carl Laughridge, Secretary of the Napa Chamber of Commerce, represented their organizations.

Dr. Mark J. Brockbank of the High Council eloquently pointed out the great benefits a suitable chapel properly used brings.

President Murdock recalled that the Mormon people have had a very prominent place in the settling and building of California, as well as Utah. "It is now our time to sacrifice and to labor and to build," he said, "that we might contribute our share and leave to our posterity a community blessed by our endeavors."

Prayers were offered by Reed W. Keller and George W. Bruerton. Singing was under the direction of Miss Marie Nightwine.

Ezra Taft Benson, Son Mark, Inspire Santa Rosa Stake Quarterly Conf.

By JAMES C. YOUNG.

Church members are charged with the task of taking the Gospel to all the world and will not be excused if we fail in that task, but we can and do earn great blessings when we sacrifice to further the missionary cause, Elder Ezra Taft Benson told a capacity audience of the Santa Rosa Stake Quarterly Conference held in the chapel at Vallejo Sunday, October 12.

An unusual note of the conference was the presence on the speakers' stand of a son of the visiting member of the Quorum of the Twelve, Elder Mark Benson, a student at Stanford University, in Vallejo to visit with his father as much as possible, was called on to speak and outlined the worth of individual souls in the sight of God. "We are, each of us, of value."

Bryant S. Knowlton of the stake presidency asked why Church members lose their conference time vim and strength in between conferences. He said if we could but continue in that same Spirit all the time we could easily solve many of our problems and become better men and women in the doing. He reminded that the Lord is anxious to bless us if we will but live worthily.

Conducting the afternoon session of the conference was President Thomas C. Byrne, who also delivered an inspiring address. Other speakers at the two sessions included Patricia Hayes, Vallejo, returned missionary; Elder Chester A. Call, Ukiah, member of the High Council; Elder Thomas Auger, Napa, member of the High Council; President's Counselor Maxwell of the Northern California Mission; and Evelyn Remmele, Santa Rosa.

The evening session of the conference was under the direction of the Stake Mutual Improvement Association, with Imogene Allen, YWYIA manual counselor officiating. Taking part in the well presented theme dramatization were the following members of the Napa Ward: Sister Stella Johnson, Shirley Stubbs, Wayne Hancock, Pamela Candland, Jimmy Stubbs, Boyd Hancock, Mills Crenshaw, Marge Keller, Scott Candland, Verl Taysom, Annette Taysom, Leon Smith, Bob Smith and Rae Auger.

Pinch hitting for his father as speaker was Mark Benson, who vividly outlined the advantages of maintaining and living to the fullest the standards of the Church. He proved to the satisfaction of all that positive, enthusiastic living of the Gospel brings only admiration from the people whom we meet in our daily life. The young college student and ex-missionary carried his eager listeners with him as he told of incidents in missionary, business and school activities.

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Ezra Taft Benson

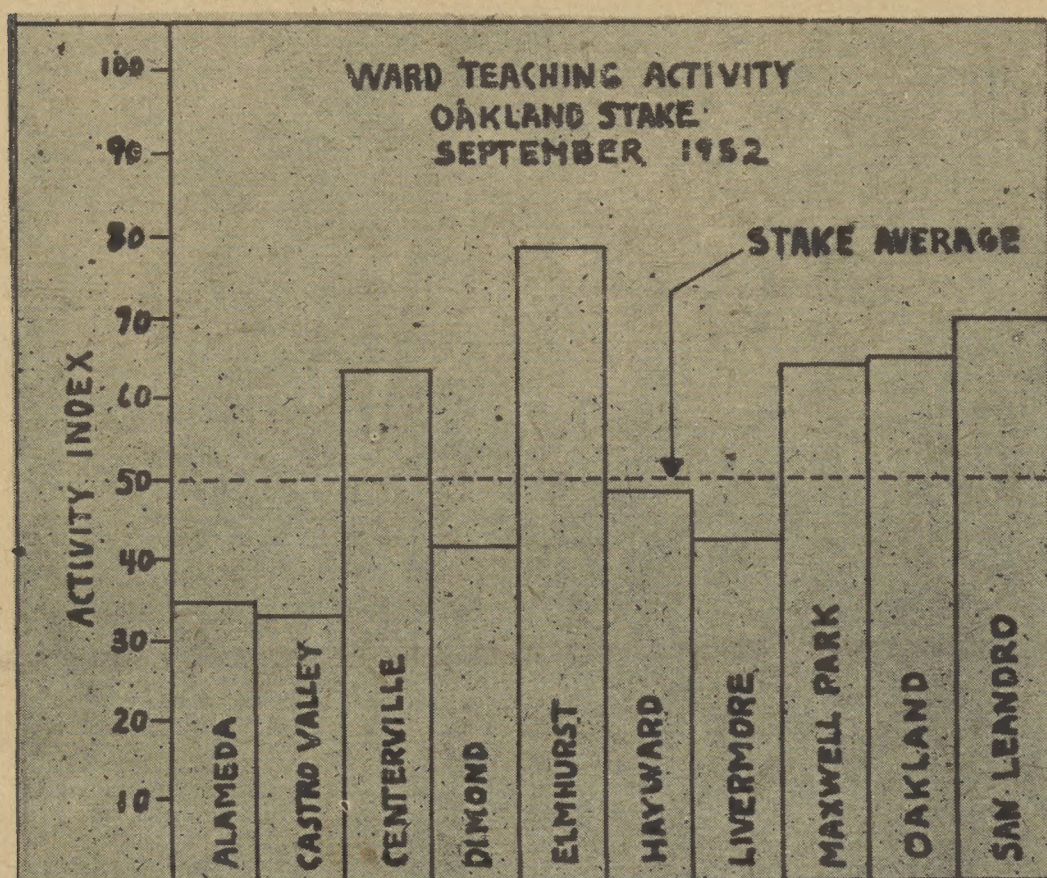
We are embryo Gods," young Benson declared.

President John L. Murdock said the Santa Rosa stake was one of the more fortunate stakes in the Church in the fact that there are no poor within the stake, yet, he said, there does seem to be a certain amount of uncertainty and worry and lack of peace of mind among stake members.

He said this should not be so among those who understand the

er, although those portions are retained by the Prophet Joseph in his rendering; they omit two vital verses in the scripture relating to the agony of the Lord in the Garden, which passages are kept intact by the version of Joseph Smith; the wording and meaning of the message of the heavenly host singing at the birth of Christ are both changed and weakened in the Revision, whereas again the Prophet Joseph's rendering

OAKLAND STAKE



The above graph shows the combined percentages of each ward listed for attendance at Monthly Ward Teachers' Report Meeting, and for the number of FAMILIES VISITED. Are you satisfied with the comparative standing of your ward? If not, will you do something about it?

Oakland Stake News

By MILDRED FONTANA.

Stake Relief Society President Della Swensen attended the General Relief Society Convention with her counselor Lucille Williams and Hazel Allen, secretary; also Mary Stuart and Mildred Fontana of the board.

Clyde and Marie Lindsay, Leonard and Elsie Lyons, Sister Glen Shaw, William Evans, Mildred Fontana and others attended the special Sunday School sessions Friday and Saturday.

Two new members of the Stake Relief Society Board have been approved: Leona Webb of Hayward as work director and Agnes Nelson of San Leandro as Magazine director.

The High Priests of the Stake entertained their wives to a dinner and program October 24 in the Hayward Ward chapel. We wives appreciate these fine parties and thank you graciously.

Word comes from Casa Blanca Africa from Army man Boyd Hunter and his good wife and four children of the progress of the Church over there. Brother Hunter has been in the Army nine years and when he was ordered to Casa Blanca for a somewhat permanent stay the mission president at Frankfurt, Germany called him to Frankfurt for ten days' intense Church briefing.

He was given authority to organize a branch and he found 23 service men and their families who came. Brother Hunter has diligently lived the Gospel and was privileged to convert and baptize one service man. Brother Hunter was formerly of Mission Ward, San Francisco. His mother, Nettie Fiege, lives in San Leandro.

ELMHURST WARD
All Women Invited
To Relief Society

By JOANNE PARTINGTON.

During the last three months a few of the brethren in the ward have labored hard to give our chapel a face lifting. We all appreciate the devotion of those who have given of their time.

While we are enjoying the beauty of our building let us not forget the lesson of the "Parable of the Cup." Each must make every effort to also improve the interior of our chapel. Still more important would be an effort by each to improve the individual who enters the chapel.—The Bishopric.

"Read Truth — Not Trash." These are the words that opened the Improvement Era drive in October led by Sister Watcher and "Skip" Faggerty. Where can one find a better, more wholesome magazine than the Improvement Era.

The Relief Society has started their winter program. October 7 the opening party was given at the ward under the direction of the President, Inez MacFarland. The meetings are held every Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Sister MacFarland extends a hearty welcome to all the women in the ward.

Elmhurst's Sylvia Seidl has been accepted into nurse's training at the hospital of her choice, Highland. She has long planned and awaited the moment her training would begin and now she enjoys it very much. She plans to go through and get her R. N. Sylvia graduated from Castlemont Hi last June.



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On Our Happy Way
To That New Chapel

By MARIE LINDSAY

Oct. 9 in Hayward Ward Hall our "Kick Off Dinner" was given for raising funds to build a chapel in Centerville (Freemont Ave.). The dinner was a grand success. Our thanks goes to Francis Rose Winkle for donating all the food; to the Mutual girls and the Primary officers; to the wonderful folks who helped in the kitchen and to all who paid \$5 a plate. About 200 per served.

An officers' preparation and planning meeting was held at Supt. Dan Bodily's for the Sunday School. Excellent work is being done by the MIA Girls, under Isabelle Oxborrow. The Primary Officers are all enthused in their plans for a Halloween Party for the Branch to be given at the Church property Wednesday night, Oct. 29.

The Relief Society held their first meeting Oct. 8. On Sewing day, Oct. 15, at the work meeting Ruth Hunt and Mary Campbell were honored, having birthdays in October. A new feature in Relief Society work has been added: a course in "Home Management" outlined by the General Board of Relief Society. Dorothy Marriott of Centerville is director.

Centerville Branch met the request of the Oak Stake Bazaar held Saturday, Oct. 11. Nineteen boxes of tomatoes were given from a non-member's patch, fertilizer was given by Westvaco Chemical Co., salt by the Leslie and Morton Co., and many things by many others.

Sunday evening, Nov. 2, is Relief Society Conference. A most interesting program is being prepared that promises to please; so bring your neighbors and friends to sacrament meeting that night.

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Bishop's Message

The budget is being made out and sent to all members of our ward. To encourage prompt payment this year, each family paying their budget before January 1, 1953, will receive, without additional charge, "The Improvement Era." This is certainly an added incentive. Your bishopric urges you to cooperate in this drive so that you may receive the added blessings one doing his share.

—The Bishopric

New Sunday School officers and teachers are Nadine Smith, 2nd counselor of Jr. S. S.; Clara Scheueller, librarian; D. William Tanner, 2nd counselor; Don Deakon, 1st intermediate; and Jean Shepard, 2nd intermediate.

Castro Valley and Hayward MIA joined forces to sponsor our jolly Halloween costume party.

Each week there are more new faces at our MIA meetings. We promise you an interesting evening at Mutual — please come join us.

At the October 29th Relief Society meeting everyone is asked to bring a handmade item, a gift wrapped for the Bazaar Shower to be held that day. It is fun to have a preview of the lovely things on sale at the Bazaar to be held on November 14. MIA will be responsible for the Carnival booths and the Relief Society will sponsor the Handiwork and Baked Goods booths. The proceeds go to the building fund and also to maintain the Relief Society.

The Primary Organization is really going "great guns" on their Christmas card sale to aid the building fund. So if some of you still wish to get your cards—please be sure to contact your Primary organization.

Primary had a wonderful Halloween party for the children, at which prizes were given for the best costumes. If your child does not attend Primary every Wednesday at 4:15 p.m., we urge you sincerely to get them there. They gain so much from the lessons and parties.

HAYWARD WARD
How Get Era Free?

Pay Budget by Dec. 21

By ANN LIVINGSTON

The budget letters have gone out to each member, telling the amount owed by each family. If the full amount is paid before December 31, the Improvement Era will be sent to that home free for the year of 1953. Be sure to see a member of the bishopric to pay your budget and get your Era free!

September 30 was the opening of the Relief Society. A lovely program was held in the chapel, followed by light refreshments in the Relief Society room. Pres. Helen Ream and counselors urge all women in the ward to attend. A baby sitter is in attendance to care for the children.

Arnold Smedley and family made a hurried trip to Paris, Idaho, to attend the funeral of Bro. Smedley's mother.

The following members of our ward went to Salt Lake City to conference: Bishop Ostler and Dassel Mathews of the bishopric, Burton Ray and Anne Livingston. The conference report was well covered by Dassel Mathews with Bishop Ostler and Brother Ray adding a brief impression or two. It makes all wish that they could attend.

The Hawaiian skit, "Aloha Annie," was reenacted for the ward October 17. Sister Hawkins and helpers really did well teaching the Fireside group to do the beautiful Hawaiian songs and dances. The settings were real spots of Hawaii. Thanks are expressed to Sister Paulson, who comes from Hawaii, for real help.

President McKay, in speaking of the uncertainty of the times, urges us to "Live nobly, die bravely, and keep up our courage until the end."

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ALAMEDA WARD
Carnival and Bazaar
Coming Here Nov. 21BISHOP'S MESSAGE
By VERLA J. SMITH

Nothing can bring greater joy to the human family than a true knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ, to know that God does live and that Jesus is the Christ and the Son of the true and living God. To know and understand the plan of salvation and exaltation. To testify of this and the other principles of the gospel.

What a thrill when we see the converts to the Church whose faces beam with satisfaction, because they have found the one and only true Church of Jesus Christ and have a living testimony of the divine message of the Savior.

While a wonderful work is being performed by our missionaries, it is also our duty here at home to help in the work of spreading the Gospel by word, deed and act.

October 31, in our recreation hall, MIA is presenting its annual Halloween party of dancing to the music of a fine orchestra, prizes for the best and most unique costumes, and lots of fun for everyone.

Those pretty white carnations passed out by the MIA at sacrament meeting October 19, proved to be a successful way (Continued on page 7)

Doll Fashion Show
Wins Wide Acclaim

Oakland Stake Primary Bee Hive girls took it very hard to find themselves all grown up and then be suddenly asked to turn right back into their childhood and start making doll clothes which is one of the requirements for an Honor Badge in MIA handicrafts. Even some of the mothers objected to such a waste of time. They forgot this one project can lead to several professions, such as costume designing and dress-making; yes, even dolls and doll clothes making is a profession.

So to solve this problem Oakland Stake decided to hold a "Doll Fashion Show," and of course the twelve year olds weren't to be left out; so we asked them to display their personal symbols of some household article.

This show was held on Oct. 16, 1952 and the response was wonderful.

Every girl who entered dolls earned her Honor Badge in Handicrafts, as well as praise for her work.

Prizes were awarded to: San Leandro Ward for group participation; Gay Jacobs of Elmhurst for best dressed doll; Carol Bryant of Elmhurst for workmanship; Jane Kean of Alameda for most complete wardrobe; Rosemary Ostler of San Leandro Ward received a prize for best application of a personal symbol. —Myrtle Snarr, Marguerite Miller, Ruth Thomas, Stake Bee Keepers.

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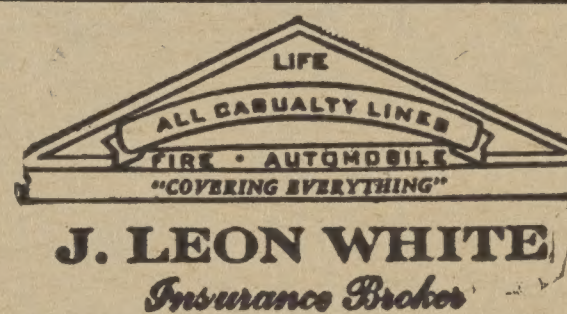
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CONCORD WARD NEWS

Carnival, Bazaar Coming Nov. 21!

By ELLEN R. COOK.
BISHOP'S MESSAGE
We now own a piece of property on which to build a chapel. Every one seems happy with the selection of the site.

We can all experience a feeling of pride of ownership. Our appreciation will increase as we participate in work projects to increase its value or as we make financial sacrifices to assume our share of the cost of the property.

The bishopric wishes to extend our appreciation for the way the ward members responded to complete our walnut harvest in record time.

Concord Ward's new six-acre building site for a future ward chapel is now walnut land on Concord Blvd., between Farm Bureau Road and Clayton Highway. This site looks towards a future expansion of Concord thru Clayton Valley.

Organized March 1 with 267 members, Bishop Markham now reports 425 of record.

The Concord Transcript of October 7 gave a well-written account of the new site acquisition, the program of the Church as carried out in the wards by "unpaid lay leaders."

The ward harvested the walnut crop on the newly purchased property.

The Sunday School now has printed programs for the day showing those who will participate, announcements of coming events and a good thought for the day. Thanks for printing goes to Donna and Dee Bates of the Sunday School faculty.

Welcome to Sister Anna Ridlon and son, Stanley, new to our ward. Stanley was recently baptized.

Those who attend Thursday night MIA Special Interest class are enjoying a variety of evenings; guest speakers, moving pictures, and travelogs, and a recent "Fun Night." Blair Hanson—now works with Mrs. Montori in the direction of music.

At the Halloween party, Oct. 30, there will be dancing and games for everyone.

Sixty attended the Relief Society opening party at the Recreation Center in October. The most successful rummage sale netted the Relief Society a sizable amount of money and enough enthusiasm to make it an unusual affair.

Activity is underway on a ward carnival and Relief Society Bazaar to be held Nov. 21 at the Farm Bureau Hall on Farm Bureau Road. This is a family affair—a time to get better acquainted with all the new members in the ward.

SAN LEANDRO WARD On Nov. 14, What?

Yes, Best Bazaar Ever

By SHERLINE WEBSTER.
BISHOP STRESSES HARMONY IN THE HOME

After attending the October conference, Bishop Gifford Jackson advised us to concentrate our efforts on home life and family harmony. He admonished us to live up to the ideals of the Church in every phase of life, if we expect love and cooperation in our homes. The parents must set the example for their children and always be aware of their responsibility in their training, if they desire to keep them in the paths of righteousness; that the safeguard from temptation and corruption in our homes is to include our Heavenly Father in all our problems and efforts.

He stressed the importance of morning family prayers as well as evening, for we need the help of our Heavenly Father from early morning till close of day as well as His protection at night: that if we keep busy with our church our homes and places of worship, cultivate our minds in spiritual and educational projects, we will have no time for worldly, foolish pleasures. That we need not hide "our way of life," for admiration and respect will be ours if we live true to ourselves, our family circle and our God.

The MIA Program on Sunday evening, October 5, was beautifully conducted by Anna Calhoun, counselor. We are especially happy for our Youth Chorus, directed by Helen McBride.

Primary is growing rapidly in attendance. Mary Marsh the new Seagull Leader displayed her artistic talents to the Mothers and stake board members with drawings, ideas and sewing, as an example for the years working plans for her group of girls.

The Relief Society experienced a thrill when Verna Jackson, the Theology teacher, presented her first lesson of the season with a dramatic skit on the beginning of the First Book of Nephi.

The Work Leaders, June Winters and Arrilla Price are busily instructing the ladies in gift making to be sold at the Annual Bazaar on Friday evening, November 14, in the San Leandro Chapel. So, if you would like to do your

Dimond To Furnish Conference Music

By MELVA RAINEY.
Attending General Conference were Bishop and Sister Van Noy, Dolly Grenier, Bill and Vida Lahr, Hilda and Anson Perkins, Leora Worley, Rose and Elmer Clark, Marion, Estella and Carman Stephens, Marriner and Della Swenson, Hazel and Joe Allen, Elmo and June Smith, Dee and Lottie Smith, Mary Russell, Eleanor Goodsell, Lorenzo Hoopes and Lione Olsen.

The Senior Fireside gave a farewell party in honor of Elder Carl Stott at the home of Don and Thad Van Noy. Carl will enroll at the BYU.

The Relief Society had as their speaker for the theology lesson, Mr. Thomas S. Ferguson, who talked on Ancient America and The Book of Mormon.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Rainey had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Jean Keller and their son, Al, who came from Salt Lake to take Elder Lyle Keller home from his mission.

President Gardner, from the Golden Gate Mission, reports over 100 baptisms in August by the full-time missionaries.

Several couples from around the area got together and paid tribute to Ira and Cloe Call recently in a home surprise party. Ira and Cloe operate the Olympic Florist Shop, MacArthur and 14th Avenue.

The Dimond Ward choir will furnish music for the next Oakland Stake Conference. Leonora Barber, ward choir director, urges all who would like to sing to come out Wednesday nights to choir practice. Beth Eggertsen, Emma Matheson, organists; Pauline Landon, pianist.

Sister Melva Rainey is waiting patiently for the arrival of her son from Navy duty in Japan. His stay will be short as he will depart for Tacoma, Washington, where his wife is living.

Clyde Russell is attending "Cal." and studying engineering.

Joe Allen is the victim of an error by the draft board. He could have stayed at BYU.

The Primary association is having their drive for "The Children's Friend." Make a good Christmas gift.

Louise Amsbaugh has been released and Margaret Bennion, Gladys Shurtleff, Kitty Kelly and Beth Nicholson are new teachers in our Primary.

Emma Gardner and her husband John, are moving to Los Angeles.

We welcome our new converts: Mabel Valentine, Lela Bales, Pearl Clark, Kitty Kelly, Pauline and Carl Landon and family, Evelyn and Jack Zeigler, Beverly O'Brien, Clarice Lemmon and all our little folks who have received baptism and confirmation.

Pauline Landon, lately ward choir pianist, has recently been sustained as attendance secretary in the MIA. Kitty Kelley has been sustained a teacher in the Primary.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wiendorf entertained at their home with a dinner dance and social for all the Seventies' presidents and their wives from all over the stake.

The next 247th Quorum of Seventies social will be an old fashioned basket social.

Moving to Maxwell Park Ward are Luke and Hattie Robinson and son, Jay, our ward clerk, Earl and Erva Wilson, Carol and Vern Tueller, George and Margaret Allen and children, LaMaun and Mae Clark are going to Elmhurst Ward.

We welcome Dimond's new members, Helen and Barbara Lusinger, the Craig family, Sevey family, the Houghtons, Laura Clark, the Huddleston family, Blaine LeCheminant, Mary Nickolsen, Jane Briggs, Amy and Mae Criddle, Mr. and Mrs. James Luke and baby, Donald Fish, Virgil Owens family, Keith Adams and all the others that have arrived since this writing.

LIVERMORE BRANCH Budget Cards Are Out; Branch Bazaar Coming

By M. R. STURGEON
Branch President's Message
All of you should have received your budget cards by now. I am hoping that you have looked them over carefully and will return them soon. It's through your cooperation that we will be able to continue and further the work of the Lord in Livermore. Don't forget that you will receive the Improvement Era FREE, if you pay your budget up by the end of December, 1952. The Church has asked to have an Era in every home.

Albert Cooper and Frank Nelson are home after attending conference in Salt Lake City.

Christmas shopping early, come to our Bazaar. You may have your dinner there as well as purchase bakery goods and enjoy the games and entertainment.

MAXWELL PARK WARD Elmer Edwards

MIA's New Ward President

By GERRY LARSEN
Attending the October general conference in Salt Lake City were Bishop Bybee and his daughter Joanne and Susan, Lucile and Vivian Williams.

Budget letters from the bishopric are now out. The bishop call attention to the fact that if one's budget contribution is paid before the New Year, the family will receive the "Improvement Era" free. Thus the whole family gets the best in reading for a whole year for a bit of promptness.

Our future chapel is in every heart also.

"His Majesty's Ship Pinafore" will also be in everyone's mind until Nov. 21. Let's get tickets early and talk it up and up.

Welcome to new ward members: The Tullers, Verne and Carol Lee, The Robinsons, Luke and Hattie and Jay, all from Dimond Ward.

Welcome also new converts Sada Hines, Albert and Mildred Lewis and Bob Enz.

Dr. Arnis Ashby has been released as president of YMMIA to serve as Teacher's Advisor. His counselor, LeRoy Palmer becomes manual counselor to the new president, Elmer Edwards. Glen K. Shaw and Rulon Folkman will complete the presidency.

Lee Ashby, released and Vivian Williams sustained activity counselor to Barbara Martin, while Sharon Dolan replaces Shirley Turner in the dance department of MIA.

Larry and Ardell Woods send word from Newfoundland where they are busy in Church work. Ardell in a Primary, growing from 13 to 48; Arlene as pianist and Larry doing taxi duty for the children. They say hello to all.

The torch of attendance has been won for the 3rd straight month by the following boys and girls: Brent Shaw, Bob Martin, Cecil Henderson, Shirley Henderson, Vicki Martin, Eva Johnson and Joan Williams. 21 young people received the award this month. Congratulations!

We extend our best wishes to the sick of the ward. Sister Beatrice Larsen will be relieved of her duties in the ward until her health is better. Elaine Henderson Craven is back again in Maxwell Park from Texas, awaiting the return of LeRoy from service in Uncle Sam's army. They are at the home of Elaine's parents, Blanche and Harlan Henderson.

Perry G. Earl's parents in Ogden, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Earl, celebrated their 76th wedding anniversary recently in a quiet way with sons and daughters and families. Utah papers carried the pictures and story of this affair. This couple have been sweethearts for over 90 years and went to school together and were married in the old Endowment House in Salt Lake City and both remember Brigham Young.

"Forget the modern idea that the mere performance of a marriage," ceremony makes a marriage," commented John H. Earl. "You have to work at being happily married."

Frank Nelson also visited in Idaho Falls.

Brother Nelson reports that his Sunday School classes seem to be growing larger each month. The more the merrier.

Our Relief Society Bazaar is in the offing. The date is in November depending largely on when we can obtain a building.

We held our Relief Society opening social October 7 at the home of Georgia White. Thanks to all the ladies who helped us meet our quota for the stake Welfare Carnival.



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BALBOA WARD NEWS Balboa Ward Is Divided

By IDA M. MILLER.
Balboa Ward has been divided into two wards! This was the news given to the people at Stake Conference October 12. "Great expectations have been achieved!" was the happy comment of Bishop R. John Cummings: put more people to work to bring greater happiness and blessings.

The west portion of the ward is to be called "Balboa First Ward" and the east portion, "Balboa Second Ward." A strip from southern portion of Sunset Ward was added to Balboa First Ward.

Bishop Cummings, with Counselors Ernest M. Horsley and W. Fred Crow will be retained as the bishopric of Balboa First Ward. For Balboa Second Ward, John O. Breckon has been chosen Bishop, with O. Hugo Jenkins and Wilford B. Lindman, counselors. Because of the division, the monthly Ward Faculty meeting scheduled for October 13 was cancelled.

The Junior Sunday School held its monthly meeting September 18, under the direction of Coordinator Lois Smith, at the home of Evelyn Hansen. Supt. George F. Simister and assistants, Claude Parker and John William Stull met with these workers.

The Relief Society held its very enjoyable opening social October 1. President Vera Murray reports the two Relief Societies will meet together until the first Sunday in November when the Relief Society gives the program at the evening service. Then new officers will be chosen for both wards.

Warren Brown, Safety Engineer of Pacific Coast Aggregates, was the "Special Interest" speaker at Mutual, Oct. 1. Very successful was the MIA "School Days" dance, held Oct. 3.

Released with a vote of thanks: Scout Master Merle Morris; sustained: Marjorie Craft, Junior Gleaner Leader; Frank L. Lear, Scoutmaster; Mabel Cottam, Activity Counselor.

Advancements in Priesthood: Vernon Simister, to teacher; Richard Jensen ordained a deacon.

Fast Meeting: Baby Barbara Ann Needham blessed. **Confirmed:** Sharon Lynne Miller, Dale Franklin Norton Jr., Janice Sybil Beck, James Mark Lindsey and Thomas Edward Jay. At Fast Meeting, the Bishop's wife, Miriam Cummings, read a message from the bishopric who were attending the October Conference in Salt Lake. It read in part: "Our thoughts are with you," and "We are enjoying the spiritual feast of conference."

The Primary will hold their potluck supper Oct. 17, at 7 p.m., at Sigmund Stern Grove. Both bishoprics are invited, as is also the Primary Stake Presidency. President Koye Roberts states the two new wards will hold Primary together until the end of the month so the children can have their Halloween party together.

WELCOME STRANGERS

Balboa First Ward and Balboa Second Ward welcome the following: Lily Electa Allison; Preston E. Allison; John Victor Allison; Willard B. Barton; Katherine J. Barton; Anita Louise Barton; Luna Thatcher Hansen; Mabel Gregory Cottam; Geraldine Ruth Ivie; Carl Larry Bascom; Joan C. Needham; Michael E. Needham; John W. Bain; Susan Linda Bain, Nathan W. Allison.

Washburn M. Chipman; Margaret S. Chipman; John Leslie Chipman; David W. Chipman; Max Gordon Birch; Hulda C. Birch; Joanne Lee Shaw; June R. Carter; Beverly J. Murphy; Vera M. Hogan; Ruby Flaherty; Harold A. Gerrells; Agnes M. Wheeler; Robert John Epperson; Beth W. Epperson; Robert H. Epperson; Geo. R. Ludwig; Joyce L. Ludwig; Janet Rae Ludwig; Lana Jean Ludwig; Robert C. Ludwig.

MISSION WARD Balboa Second Meets In Mission Chapel

By ETHEL TITUS
Bishop's Message
Since October 19, the newly organized Balboa Second Ward has been meeting in our chapel. We, as a ward, say good wishes to Balboa second.

Our Sunday school commences at 11 a.m. and sacrament meeting at 7 p.m., with MIA on Tuesday as usual. Relief Society is held each Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock; Primary, Monday at 4 p.m. Our priesthood meets at 8:30 Sunday a.m. Again, we would like to thank the ward for their fine support. We are proud of all the wonderful things being done. Keep up the good work.

Among others who attended general conference were Bishop and Mrs. Wallace N. Allred. Following conference, they accompanied their daughter and son-in-law through the temple. The young couple are living at Provo, while Mac goes to BYU.

Robert James Laws, son of Eleanor Laws, Primary president, left October 21, for San Diego, to join the marine corp, thence to Camp Pendleton.

Bill Sessions must report for duty aboard ship at San Diego on November 5, so he and family are now making San Diego home.

Born to Hartley and Vauna Lou Lundgreen on September 23, a son, Mark Allen. They will soon join Hartley at Logan.

Zina Baker has been released as social science teacher in Relief Society, and replaced by Ethel Titus. Sister Baker will be quilt supervisor for our group.

Troop 107 went to the Mission Trails Camporee on October 11 and 12. Senior patrol leader was Jerry Greenwood, with patrol leaders, Bill Purcell and Tony Broughton. The Wolf patrol took a second and third place, while the Cobra patrol took a third place. Thanks to Sister Mary Chester for transportation, and also Bro. Libby, for help in camp.

The entire stake was dared to meet with Mission Ward on Halloween eve for the MIA spook party. It was a costume affair and a grand crowd shared the fun.

The Primary children celebrated Halloween with a hobby day program. Emma Draper, a counselor in the presidency, furnished the doughnuts which were served.

Sister Etienne Schier is now holding genealogical research and study hours in her home at 2700 22nd St.—Private tutoring, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, with regular group classes on alternate Wednesday evenings. She generously offers help to any who sincerely wish aid in this field.



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Sally Kenner, three sons. All of these men and their wives have had broad experience in the Church. The demanding task of organizing a new ward is in excellent hands.

The following officers have been selected and as soon as possible will be set apart. Sally Kennedy will head the YWMIA, Ray Williams the YMMIA. Koye Roberts has been called as president of the Primary, Edgar Williams as superintendent of the Sunday School. Ida O'Brien is the ward organist and Mary Louise Lindman the chorister. Bernard Skagfjord is the ward teaching coordinator.

A schedule of the meetings is as follows:

Priesthood Meeting, Sun, 7:45 a.m. Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Sacrament Meeting, 5 p.m.; Primary, 4 p.m. Thursday; Mutual, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday.

Balboa Second Ward is sharing the commodious new Mission Ward building for the present; meetings are arranged so there will be no conflict. The new Bishopric sends this message to their people:

"The Lord told the Saints in the year 1831 thus: 'Wherefore be not weary in well doing, for ye are laying the foundation of a great work; And out of small things proceedeth that which is great.' D. & C., Sec. 64, verse 33. May we of the Balboa Second Ward feel that we will 'not be weary in well doing', that the work in Zion will not falter nor be stayed in progress.'—Balboa Second Ward Bishopric.

Gladys Winter of the Stake Relief Society announces Union meeting will be held in the Stake House November 13 at 10 a.m. November 2 will find all wards holding Relief Society conferences in the evening service. Stake representatives will be present at each one.

Vivian Neff, of the Stake Primary, has selected Edith Stewart of San Rafael Ward to work with the boy's groups. Stake preparation meeting will be held November 10 in the Stake House. The departmental meetings will feature drafts.

Stake MIA. Leadership meeting will be held Sunday, November 9 at 2:30 p.m. Sister Annis Millam of San Francisco ward has been called to head the Junior Gleaner Department of the stake.

ROMANCE DEPT.

Exciting news in the Serge J. Lauper household in the recent engagement of their daughter, Georgia, to Crawford Gates of Provo, Utah. The wedding will take place in the Salt Lake Temple in December.

November 20 is the date selected by Jean Lowe and Robert Callister for their marriage in the Salt Lake Temple. Both are officers in the San Francisco MIA. Bob filled a mission to Great Britain where he was for a time the editor of the "The Millennial Star,"



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BIRTHS
Born to Afton and Jack Jensen, both of whom are on the Stake MIA boards, a daughter, Corrine Marcia, on October 9. The Jensens have a very young son as well.

News comes from Palo Alto where Albert Whipple is attending Stanford University, that he and his wife, Alice, have become parents of a son, their second child.

TRAVELS
Sister Ann Barton has returned from a three-week stay in Utah.

During the Sunday morning session of conference Veda Bramwell, Stake YWMIA President, presented the Golden Gleaner award to Gail Terry of the Sunset Ward. Following the award, President J. Bryan Barton presented the proposal of the creation of Balboa Second Ward and to alter the boundaries of other wards.

John Brecken, bishop of the new Balboa Second Ward and Merlin Ray Williams, recently returned from the French Mission addressed the conference.

The music for the Sunday morning session of conference was rendered by the San Francisco Ward choir under the direction of LaVon Pardini and accompanied by Georgia Hammond.

At the Sunday evening session Elder Moyie proposed to the congregation that the stake presidency be re-organized as follows: Serge J. Lauper, president; Ira I. Somers, first counselor; Wilford B. Murray, second counselor; President Lauper expressed feelings of humility in his new calling. He asked for the support of all members of the stake and encouraged the saints to follow the commandments of the Lord and to "keep on the course."

President Somers and President Murphy spoke with deep feelings. President Barton expressed thanks for the support he had received from the other leaders of the stake while he served as stake president.

The Mission Ward choir, directed by Ida O'Brien and accompanied by Leslie Klippel furnished the music for the final session of conference.

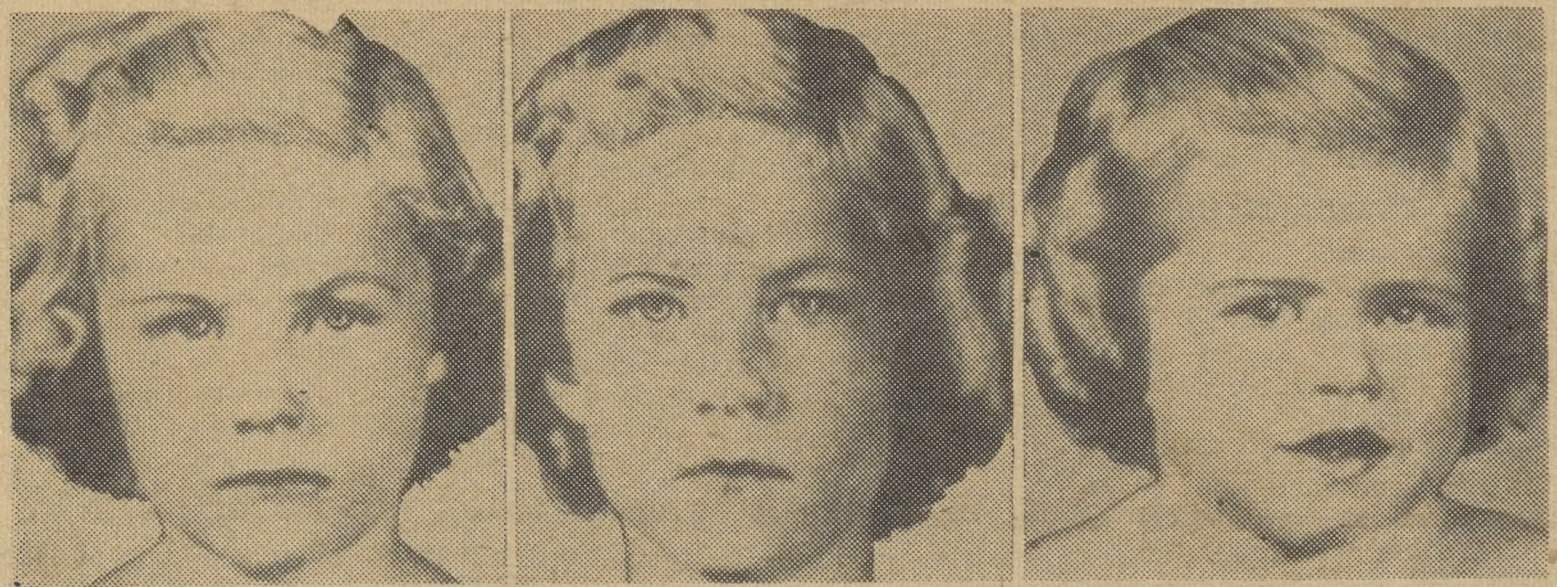
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On Sermon Preparation

By E. LORENZO HOWARD
Balboa Ward, S. F. Stake

The greatest pleasures of my life are the visits I make with the men and women who came close to the fountain of all truth and drank deeply, then with rich thoughts expressed in well placed words have written the great truths the Father taught them.

Some examples of real excellences in sermonizing are found in: Ecclesiastes (one of the best sources of advice for the young man); The sermon of King Benjamin to his people; The counsels of Nephi, and Alma; The Sermon on the Mount, The works of Elder Ballard, B. H. Roberts, and Joseph Fielding Smith.

I believe, however, that there are other great sermons, seen rather than heard, in the lives of many Latter-day Saints. Embued with knowledge, light and truth; humbled by circumstances and contact with the truly humble, meek and gentle, inspired and prompted by the Holy Spirit, they live out their days leaving in their wake mighty sermons of word and deed.

The great Talmund oft said, "The best preacher is the heart." From one's heart come the words of the vocal sermons. More sermons, however, never leave the confines of the heart. They rise and have their say with the author knowing their words. These are the sermons that shape our destiny.

These sermons make man what he is. They are the result of the conflict of good and evil in

the heart of man. The sermons of the heart are the thermometer readings of the fire of the Holy Spirit. When the fire burns low, the sermon takes on a cold evil tone. When the fire burns warm, the sermon is so full of good it has to be unloaded on those around.

A wise man has said, "It is all right to have a train of thoughts, if you have a terminal." Too often we are found with a fine train of thought with no terminal from which to work it nor terminal to which it can be sent for inspection as to running condition.

The Lord has been kind enough to give us an adequate terminus in the form of the Holy Scripture. At this terminus we can find supplies for the thought-train sufficient for all speculative thinking. The scripture serves as a terminus where we can correct our conjectures.

To help us even further in keeping the thought-train running smoothly we have been granted the help of the Holy Ghost. We will not stray far from the main line nor be found standing helplessly on a siding, if we keep in tune with the orders received from the Chief Dispatcher. The main line is always clear, it is a one-way track, always open to the man who has the desire to subject himself to the rules of the line.

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inspection at the terminal of God's Word, will find themselves stranded on a siding, impotent and useless.

Staking A Claim

By DENNIS L. LAUPER.

Competition usually makes for greater interest for both player and spectator. We are all stimulated by a challenge. Competition brings out the best in us—to excel or win is a worthy ambition.

Competition is spoiled by poor sportsmanship. How we despise a person who would rather cheat than lose. Everyone loses sometime and a good sportsman prepares himself for it.

A few years back we had competition in many activities sponsored by the MIA. Today the only surviving activity from the "Mutual Contests" is the M Men's basketball tournament. We are told that the reason the other contests were discontinued was

because so many people couldn't stand to lose and there were hard feelings.

Jealousy and ill will are incompatible with our beliefs as Latter-day Saints. Oakland Stake President Delbert F. Wright, once suggested in Quarterly Conference, that the reason Satan is so active in trying to defeat the work of our Savior is because his (Satan) own Plan was not accepted in Heaven and he was a poor loser.

Everyone loves a good sport. The person who can take it on the chin and come up with a smile is always admired and respected. The "give and take" one meets in competitive activities, helps prepare us for the problems and disappointments of life.

Book of Mormon News and Views

By THOMAS S. FERGUSON

Back in 1938, a news item appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle (and presumably in many other papers throughout the country) reporting that a young man by the name of Dana Lamb of Santa Ana, Calif., and his wife, Ginger, were searching in Southern Mexico for some golden tablets left by the ancient inhabitants. After reading the news item, I wrote to Dana Lamb.

A reply was received informing me that he had learned that an American flyer was forced down in the jungle of Southern Mexico. This flyer allegedly climbed a pyramid to get his bearings, when the ground beneath him suddenly gave way and he plunged a dozen feet down into an underground vault.

The story is that he saw an idol and a long trough, containing a number of metal plates with engravings. The story was that he got out of the jungle and back to the coast of the Gulf of Mexico, but was never able to retrace his steps to the golden library.

The Lambs are also authors of the book, "Enchanted Vagabonds." Their quest for the lost city and the alleged golden library has centered along the border between Southern Mexico and Guatemala. The Usumacinta river forms a portion of this boundary and has been called the "river of ruins" because of the many buried cities found along its banks.

The full story of the search for the golden library is now told in a book by Dana and Ginger Lamb, published by Harper Bros., 49 E. 33rd St., New York 16, N. Y. I have a copy of it here as I write this article for the Messenger. It reports in full on the last great effort of the Lambs to find the legendary library (in your Book of Mormon see the writings of Mormon, Chapter 6, Verse 6, at page 469 in the 1920 edition which is the one in common use).

The book is entitled, "Quest

for the Lost City." It is the writer's opinion that the Lambs were, definitely in Book of Mormon country. As many Messenger readers know, I am of the opinion that Nephite-Mulekite-Lamanite history was centered in Southern Mexico and nearby Guatemala. This is the area dealt with in "Quest for the Lost City."

We learn from the book that the story of the lost aviator who allegedly stumbled upon the golden library, came to them through another book entitled, "They Found Gold," by A. Hyatt Verrill, published in 1936. It is interesting to note that Verrill is himself a writer of some renown and that since 1936 he has joined the Mormon Church—converted through the Book of Mormon. Verrill lives in Florida. His story was written up in Improvement Era a few years ago.

I am not yet convinced that the story of the lost aviator is based on fact—but it has led to interesting adventures on the part of Dana and Ginger Lamb and their new book, "Quest for the Lost City" is interesting and well worth reading. Let me quote a brief sample of the many interesting things found in their book:

It was a strange feeling to wander through a land where thousands of people had lived, where a great civilization had prospered at the time of Julius Caesar, and to meet not a single human being. On every side of us was evidence that these people had built in stone for all eternity, yet they had disappeared as though swept from the surface of the earth. It was a curious, tragic puzzle, and it was always with us.

The Lambs never succeeded in finding the golden library. If it was the golden library of Mormon and Moroni, it will not be found until the Lord intends that it be found. In the meantime, let us learn all we can of the area and the ancient peoples and things of the region.

By JIMINY

To speak strictly from a man's standpoint there is a phase of our manner of living in this day and age that could be vastly improved by going back to the good old days and their ways. I refer to the necessity of the girl bringing to the marriage with her a dowry.

Too often the young groom comes to the altar bringing with him an acquired trade and ability to make a living along with possibly a jalopy, a deer rifle, a fishing pole, an extensive wardrobe of wide shouldered coats and a tennis racket. It seems unfair that in nearly every case the bride comes bearing an ability to apply cosmetics skillfully, spend money rapidly, and act shy when she thinks it is becoming. Her entire possessions probably consist of one small handful of clothes, else why the traditional feminine complaint: "I haven't a thing to wear."

EVEN MORE PAINFUL
The contrast is even more painful when the man has hung on the limb unplucked for a few years, and has in the meantime acquired some real estate, a share in a business and definite, assured indications of continued prosperity.

As soon as the "I Do's" are pronounced this mincing incompetent, this blushing ne-er-do-well, this empty-handed empty-headed bride becomes full partner in all the man has acquired in the long and disciplined years of toil that preceded the ceremony.

I rise like Patrick Henry and shout against injustice. I demand, as did the illustrious Benjamin Franklin in his day, that all women coming to the altar bring with them a fittingly fat wallet, and that it should be given into the judicious hand of the head of the house to be administered by him as to him seems wise. All else is infamy, all else is rank inequality.

• A note to Senator Nixon: You can call it Caviar or Ice Cream or A Soda Jerk's Dream, but limburger cheese still smells the same, and a bribe stinks just as bad by any other name. We extend our sympathies to General Eisenhower.

• A note to Governor Stevenson, et al: Through twenty years practice the Democrats have become adroit at finding a high sounding name to lay over any short sighted movement they wish to sponsor. This sometimes seems to be the most valuable ability in a modern politician. Are you different? You have us guessing.

• Before I married you, my dear,
All day I used to yearn for you;
There's just one letter different now—
From dawn to dusk I earn for you.

—Borrowed

• Even more ominous
Than the rumble of a riot,
Is a bunch of kids
Suddenly quiet.
—Borrowed

• Are you waiting until you see how the election turns out before you buy or build that home? Do fears of war stop you from doing that thing which might be of great benefit to you and your family? Then perhaps you should read Ecclesiastes Chapter 11, verse 4.

• After all is said and done, it is a wonder we have any political figures who are honest. We DON'T pay enough to attract the best men: we DO have too many of the powerful and rich who stand to profit greatly from money invested in favor buying, we OUGHT to take our hat off whenever we meet an honest politician for it is a cinch he is a man more determined to remain honest than most of us.

• Blessed art thou, O land, when thy king is the son of nobles, and thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness.

A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh merry; but money answereth all things."

Ecclesiastes 10-17 & 19.
• Washington D. C. consumes more alcoholic beverage per citizen than any other place in the nation, possibly in the world.

Any ward MIA in the bay area that does not seek to have Elder Mark Benson, son of Elder Ezra Taft Benson of Salt Lake City, attend and address their youthful members is certainly missing a golden opportunity.

Mark is attending Stanford University at Palo Alto. It was the good fortune of the youth of Santa Rosa Stake to have Mark talk at the evening meeting of the recent quarterly conference. No one who was able to take their eyes off the speaker long enough to look around at the faces of the teen agers in the audience could doubt that the inspiring word pictures Mark drew were singing into the hearts and minds of his listeners.

His talk was direct, it was as clean, honest and penetrating as a breeze blowing off a snowbank and across a beautiful high mountain lake. Don't miss having Mark Benson talk to the youth of your ward. Make an event of it. Have free eats and get every youngster you can lay hands on there. The persuasive power for good that will enter their lives from contact with Mark Benson and his wonderful spirit is priceless.

Mark doesn't know anything about this. He is most likely a very busy young man. But he is anxious to give the Gospel as he knows it to any one who seeks after truth. Contact him, promise him an audience and he will come, I am sure.

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GOINGS AND COMINGS

MISSION WARD—Mission ward honored Mr. and Mrs. Norman Terry Shurtliff (Edythe Jane Baker) Friday evening, October 17, when many friends met to wish them well. They will make their home in Overton, Nevada.

In the three week vacation of Bro. and Sister Andrew Swindt the couple will attend an insurance convention in Florida, pick up a new car in Chicago, and visit relatives and friends in Ft. Pierre, Denver and Salt Lake City.

CONCORD—Gertha McKinney Brown has just returned from a trip to Long Beach, where she attended a county school convention.

CENTERVILLE—Dan Bodily went hunting again last week and finally got his deer. Andy Hunt took his son with him on a hunting trip last Friday, October 7.

The Kenneth Steadmans will go back to Utah to hunt and visit between October 17th and 27th.

The Winkle family plans a reunion in Utah during the hunting season; likewise the Thompson family, to which Rose Winkle belongs. So Rose and Francis and family have gone to Utah.

Cecil and Ray Truscott vacationed in Utah in October, visiting their folks.

Kenneth Lindsay is now released from the navy to return home. Recently he was on a six weeks' maneuver in Norwegian and Dutch waters, acting as radar man first class. After visiting with his brother, Kay, and family in Falls Church, Virginia, he will be back in Newark.

The Clyde Lindsays attended general conference in Salt Lake City. They report a grand spiritual treat, and most enjoyable time with relatives and friends.

SAN FRANCISCO STAKE—Visiting for a week in the Bay Area in October were Wallace and Theda Bennett of Salt Lake City. Wallace, who was mission president of San Francisco stake for some time, recently was called to the Sunday School General Board.

Robert N. Pratt, who made a city-wide reputation as scout master at the Presidio, has re-

ceived orders for Europe and will soon report to Camp Kilmer in New Jersey.

BALBOA WARD—Delightful news that the bishop's mother, Mary A. Cummings, of Salt Lake City and Heber, will be with us for the winter. . . Mrs. Willard Barton is on a vacation to Salt Lake. . . Evelyn Hansen, Junior SS chorister, has been on a vacation to Idaho and Utah. She attended general conference and the convention of Daughter of Utah Pioneers. At the latter, she sang with the San Francisco county group at the Lafayette ballroom of Hotel Utah. . . Best wishes to Royal Hurd who was sent overseas by the navy. We'll miss him.

CASTRO VALLEY—Several members of our ward went to Salt Lake for the recent conference, namely, Bro. and Sister Owen L. Stewart, Ronald Reno, Bishop and Sister W. T. Webb, Sister Ann Livingston, Naomi Bodily and Gertrude and Bishop Ben Lamkin. Also Brother and Sister Clarence Lesser and Elsie and Leonard Lyon.

DIMOND—Elmer and Rose Clark have returned from an extended vacation to the north west and report a wonderful time. They attended conference, then went up to Idaho and Oregon. We are glad to have them back home again.

CLAREMONT—Mary and Harold Eldredge enjoyed Denver vacationing at the close of the summer.

Sister Johns, mother of Harriet Hyer, visited here from Ogden for a week.

Ellen Carr spent three and a half weeks in Salt Lake visiting her mother. She was joined by her husband, Elmo, and they attended conference before returning home.

Marletton Simons went back to Salt Lake at conference time to attend the dance supervisors' meeting.

Grace Wanlass, sister of Bishop Millward, visited her relatives here. She lives in Salt City.

Joe Wood and his daughter, Enid, visited the Woods' daughter, Lenore, in Vernon, Utah. Lenore with her two children will be spending the winter here.

Births

BALBOA WARD—The Sherman Storms welcomed as their third child, a baby girl born August 28.

DIMOND—Mr. and Mrs. Dale Rainey announce the birth of a baby daughter on October 1. The infant is the first girl born into the Rainey family for more than 50 years. How's that for a record?

Philip and Marjorie Humphries called from the east recently to announce the birth of a baby girl—granddaughter, to our Ed and Mavis.

Ida and Jarman Hunt are the proud grandparents of a grandson. The mother is Lorraine Hunt Riensoldson of Edgewood, Maryland, where her husband is in the army.

CASTRO VALLEY—Dr. William and Hertha Tanner are the proud parents of a baby boy. The baby weighed nine pounds, two ounces and has been named Kylan. The Tanners have one daughter and three other sons.

CLAREMONT—A six pound, twelve ounce girl was born to Bob and Violet Jaynes September 29. Congratulations to this lovely couple and their wonderful family.

Baby boys just a few days apart, were born to Kurt and Herta Sawatzke and Brother and Sister Marshall Stoddard. Zion is growing—especially in Claremont Ward, as future issues of the Messenger will witness.

NAPA—Sunday, October 19, was the first chance many ward members had to get acquainted with the twin daughters of Dick and Madge Davis, when their mother and sister brought the month-old twins to Sunday school. They have been named Leslie Florence and Cathie Deloris.

MAXWELL PARK—Mr. Stork certainly took a nice stop over in Maxwell Park this past month and left little ones at four of our homes. Young David Grant Hawkins, to Grant and Marge; Armis and Lee Ashby have Patricia and Rebecca is the newest member of Ray and Val Shields family.

BERKELEY SECOND WARD—Rony David Kelsey, born July 8, to Charlotte Dubinsky Kelsey and husband.

Susan Wilks, born September 12, to Florence and Jack Wilks. Margary Lynn Boyack, born September 22, to Grace and Clifford Boyack.

Dorothy Lenore Widfeldt, born October 2, to Anne and John Widfeldt.

Julie Ann Wescott, born October 3, to Ruth and Donald Wescott.

Stephen Cummings Johnson born October 6, to Betty June and Bob Johnson.

CENTERVILLE—Dolores Eaton Whaley, daughter of the Fred Eatons of Decoto, who has been visiting here from her home in

WEDDING BELLS . . .

ELMHURST—Bro. and Sister Elmer Carlson of Elmhurst announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Helen, to Ken Baldwin on the second of October. The couple met while Ken was stationed near here with the U. S. marines. Ken is from Fairfield, Idaho. The couple plan on marrying as soon as he is released from the service.

SAN LEANDRO—A beautifully planned wedding reception was given on September 25 in San Leandro ward amusement hall by Brother and Sister H. E. Yeaman, honoring their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Yeaman (Joyce Shepherd) who were married in the Logan Temple, September 8. Joyce and Sterling are making their home in San Leandro.

BALBOA WARD—Mabel Cotnam, a convert to our Church, and David Simister (they met while David was on his mission to England) were wed in the Salt Lake Temple, October 21. David's mother, Beatrice Simister, accompanied them. . . A shower was given Mabel October 17 by Carmen Smith and the reception for the newlyweds was held October 25 in the home of the Fred Grows.

Bro. and Sister Frank Blair attended a reunion of Sister Blair's family, September 14, in Modesto.

NAPA—Bonnie Price, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Price, a member taking much part in musical activities of the Napa ward, has announced her engagement to Harold Davis, a former ward member now in the navy and stationed at San Diego. Plans call for a January altar trip.

CLAREMONT WARD—Roberta Mae French became the bride of Dale Gleason, October 12, at a ceremony in the bride's home. A reception was held in her father's restaurant, Ashby and College. The ceremony was

Alaska, had her baby on October 4, at the University of California hospital in San Francisco.

PLEASANT HILLS—At Peralta hospital on October 15, Timothy Floyd Matthews was born to Dorothy and William F. Matthews.

BERKELEY FIRST—Little Christine Kaye Dunham was born on September 17, to Scott Dunham, Jr., and Janet. The Senior Dunhams spent three weeks in Hawaii during September, after which Sister Dunham spent some time in Salt Lake with her new granddaughter.

CONCORD—A baby girl, Donna, was born to the Don Geddes family.

performed by Bishop A. Seldon Millward. The couple will make their home in the Montclair district, Oakland. Dale is the son of Elbert and Rose Gleason of Claremont ward; the bride is the daughter of Mrs. Marion Ruppenthal and Russell French of Berkeley.

SHOWERS

MISSION WARD—A wedding shower, sponsored by the Primary friends of Eleanor Laws for her daughter, Barbara Laws Navarro, was held in the home of Esther Cammerer, October 9. Many of their friends met to wish Barbara much happiness in her new life.

MARTINEZ—Cheryl Cooper was honored with a baby shower at the home of Jessie Shaw on October 11. On October 17, Mildred Smith was so honored at the home of Vivian Rorich.

PLEASANT HILLS—It was showers of gifts and loving wishes for Wanda Hilton, wife of our bishop, and their adorable young baby, Barbara, at a pink and blue shower held recently in the home of Geneve Scott. Many members of our ward were present to honor Wanda and her baby, and to enjoy the charming evening which had been planned for them. Hostesses were Geneve Scott, Joy Criddle, Evelyn Hilton and Joanne Chalmers.

CONCORD—A baby shower was held for Rebecca Jean Drumiller, age three weeks, at the home of Ellen Cook.

A baby shower was given in the home of Netta Skidmore for Sandy Geddes. The baby-to-be received many lovely gifts.

June Spears was honored at a baby shower in the home of Mabel Hill. Many lovely gifts were bestowed upon the honored guest for her yet-to-be-born baby.

BALBOA WARD—For bride-to-be, Dorothy Simister, a shower was given October 10 in the home of Betty Dean, with Lois Smith as co-hostess. One of the guests was Dorothy's aunt, Mabel Schaffer of Salt Lake City.

DIMOND WARD—Mrs. Gloria Wilcox and Eleanor Goodsell were co-hostesses at a bridal shower for Katie Mason prior to her marriage on October 27, to Don Brown in the Logan Temple.

MAXWELL PARK—A group of the women who officer the Primary and Relief Society, joined together to honor Fern Stockton at a pink and blue shower. Fern is music director for both groups.

Lee Ashby was the honoree at a lovely stork shower in the home of Bishop and Sister Bybee. Co-hostesses were Margaret Wright and Mary Bybee.

OBITUARY

MAXWELL PARK—Funeral services for Orville H. Stanfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Stanfield, were held at Robinson Brothers Mortuary, 1901 Fruitvale Avenue, Oakland, October 17, under the direction of Bishop Curtis R. Bybee and with Pearl Bliss, organist.

SANTA ROSA—The monthly high priest social was held recently, Bro. Ronald Cheney continued with the study of the Pearl of Great Price. Cider and cookies ended the pleasant meeting.

Sister Maud Brisco presented an entertaining evening program recently with the history and background of many of our LDS hymns and the particular incident leading to their composition. Louise Arntsen was the hostess for the evening.

MISSION WARD—A tragic automobile accident September 27, took the life of little Michael Gillespie, three and one-half years old. He passed away October 8. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Gillespie and the grandson of James and Flora Gillespie of Mission ward.

Friends of the Seader family were saddened over the death, October 7, of George Joseph Seader, husband of Eva Seader, and father of Junior, Leonard and Jimmie Seader, died October 7. He is survived also by Junior's twin sons, Stephen and Clayton.

SAN LEANDRO—The death of Brother Earl Meine was a sadness for all of San Leandro ward. His skilled workmanship was displayed in the remodeling of the stand and rostrum when the church was being rebuilt. His lovely wife, Pearl, assisted him in this project.

SAN FRANCISCO STAKE—After a severe illness of several years duration, Sister W. W. Collins passed away October 9. Born Ella Louise Timpson, January 16, 1893, she was married in the Salt Lake Temple December 6, 1916, and came at once with her husband to San Francisco to make her home. Brother and Sister Collins were the parents of four children, three of whom survive their mother. Robert E., recently returned from Korea, where he served with the rank of captain; Bernice, who is in Munich, Germany, where she is associated with the schools for children of army personnel, and Mrs. Eleanor Philippe of San Francisco.

Sister Collins was born into the church and served as a faithful member all her life. Our sympathy goes out to Bro. Collins and his family in the loss they have sustained.

Sisters Rhora Hiskenkooper received word of the death of her brother, Elmer Morrell, and flew to Orem, Utah, for the services.

Shocking news came to Sister Louise Stoddard late in the evening of October 18. A telephone call informed her that her son, Bill, had died of a heart attack while on a hunting trip in northern California. She and her sister, Dorothy Gill, left immediately with Joseph R. Johnson of Alturas, to make arrangements for the return of the body. Services were held October 22.

Bible Versions

(Continued from page one) supports the King James translation.

OTHER VITAL CHANGES—“Other vital changes are found in references to Christ as the Creator, the institution of the Sacrament, the prayer of the Apostles in the upper chamber, the display of his hands and feet after the resurrection, and the casting out of evil spirits, and the doctrine that the ‘Son of man is come to save.’ There are many others, but lack of space prevents their mention here.”

Concluding these specific references, the news writer goes on to say: “For Latter-day Saints there can be but one version of the Bible for Church doctrine and that is the version supported by the inspiration and revelation which came to the Prophet Joseph Smith. It is the King James Version.”

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Earl H. Meine Dies:

Known In Two Stakes

Elder Earl H. Meine's funeral was held in the San Leandro LDS Chapel September 25, 1952. Speakers from Claremont Ward, where Brother and Sister Meine once lived, were Arthur J. Burditt and Bishop A. Seldon Millward. Don C. Wook spoke the invocation. Wilford W. Snyder was the speaker from San Leandro. Bishop A. Gifford Jackson, presided and directed the exercises.

Interment was in Salt Lake City. The Robinson Brothers Mortuary conducted the burial services.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl H. Meine resided in Claremont Ward for many years prior to their building a home in San Leandro. Earl served faithfully as ward clerk for Claremont. They were active in both stakes.

Elder Lee Explains

(Continued from page 1) reaching decisions for the Church thru revelation. I can personally testify to this great gift of God.”

Elder Lee told the students group that they should strive for the promptings of the Holy Ghost, even to the point of employing these principles to their studies.

“You can effect a wonderful change in your life, if you will take advantage of these gifts of revelation,” he concluded.

BYU News

The BYU Goes In For Butter Fat Too

According to word received from Vermont Headquarters of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, the Brigham Young University dairy herd was the highest institutional herd in milk and butter-fat production in Utah during the last herd test year by over 100 pounds.

● Dr. Reuben D. Law, dean of the BYU college of education and former graduate student at U. C. and member of Berkeley Education Ward, now authors a 1952 publication, “The Utah School System; Its Organization and Administration,” of 12 chapters and 227 pages.

● Patricia Hilton of Dimond Ward, recent returned missionary from England, and now a student at BYU, was in the October 1952 list of 46 “lovely aspirants” to reign as queen of the “Y’s” annual Home Coming Celebration week of October 25.

● Mid-October figures of enrollment at BYU read 6357 with more yet expected, an increase of 1639 over the final figure of 5218 for 1951.

Included in the current enrollment are 361 students at the LDS Business College Branch of the “Y,” and 150 on the college level at the McCune School of Music and Art Branch, both in Salt Lake City.

● California Rates High—About half the BYU enrollment comes from outside Utah and represents 46 states and 18 foreign countries. Idaho and California lead among the outside states.

● The largest auditorium in the state of Utah is the new Fieldhouse at the “Y.” Yet it cannot seat all the students, though they all crowd in at assemblies.

● A new Department of Engineering Science has been added with the famous Dr. Harvey Fletcher as director. Also a full scale School of Nursing.

● Complete Medical Care—The clinic at BYU includes virtually all the most modern equipment for thorough service and also a six bed hospital where students may be observed for impending surgery, contagious diseases, recovery and recuperation. House calls are made to students. A student activity card entitles one to the benefits of the entire health programs. The “Y” health center handled over 45,000 calls in 1951, 7000 more than in 1949.

● “Hello, pal,” and “Hi-good-lookin’,” are said to be familiar sounds at the BYU campus on traditional “Hello Week” in October.

● There are some 341 faculty members at the “Y” this year.

Frosh Football

Frosh football registrants at the “Y” number about 75 of which 15 were from California points but none, it seems, from the bay area. Two are from Yuba City; the rest from Southern California.

● Sixteen members of the “Y” faculty are listed in the current (1952) issue of Who's Who in America. The list is headed by Dr. Ernest L. Wilkinson, BYU president, and includes four well-known deans, Dr. Ariel S. Ballif, Dr. Gerrit de Jong, Dr. Wesley P. Lloyd and Dr. Thomas L. Martin.

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BERKELEY STAKE NEWS

Concord Buys Six-Acre Chapel Site; Kenneth Jensen Athletic Director

On Oct. 4, 1952 at the opening session of the yearly convention of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers held in Salt Lake City a chorus from the Alameda County Camps sang, under the direction of LaVon Johnson with Lucile K. Ream, accompanist. The singing was introduced by a dramatization, exhibiting some authentic pioneer relics. The Alameda Chorus group included: LaVon Johnson, director; Lucile Ream, accompanist; Lucile Williams; Nita Van Noy; Hilda Perkins; Lily Blackburn; Martha Hosmer, Florence Nielson and Eva Perry.

After the convention LaVon Johnson entertained the group at supper at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Brockbank of Highland Drive, Salt Lake City.

One of the highlights of the DUP Convention were vocal numbers rendered by a trio composed of three elderly Daughters, from Monroe, Utah. These three daughters whose added ages total 264 years began singing together in 1887 and have sung as a trio for 65 years.

The daughters from San Francisco and Alameda county wore pioneer costumes.

Dr. Malcolm H. Merrill in India

Dr. Malcolm H. Merrill, acting head of California State Department of Public Health, is in New Delhi, India for six weeks under the auspices T.C.A. (Technical Cooperative Administration) making a survey of the national health of India. He left Berkeley Oct. 4th by plane. His letters to the family most vividly portray life in India as one of splendor and squalor.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Berkeley Daily Gazette of Oct. 16, 1952 ran a picture and announcement of the "next spring" wedding of Donald Merrill, son of Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm Merrill of Berkeley First Ward, and Karen Nelson of Seattle, daughter of Navy Commander and Mrs. Frank Nelson who have scores of friends in Berkeley, where they made their home for some time after moving to California from the Atlantic seaboard. Commander Nelson was later transferred to Seattle.

Donald is now in his final year at the University of California Medical school.

Berkeley Stake Relief Society
President Vera Mayhew and Sisters James and Dunham attended Relief Society Conference in Salt Lake City. Beginning the first Friday in November regular monthly preparation meetings will be held.

Relief Society Conference will be held in the wards on regular meeting days following ward conferences in the respective wards.

On Nov. 1, Friday afternoon, the Trail Builders of Berkeley Stake entertained their dads at an Indian Pow-Wow at the Berkeley chapel.

FLASH

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CLAREMONT WARD

A call for manpower to complete the new chapel before Christmas has gone out to all wards. With everyone lending united efforts, it will be done.

Concord's New Chapel Site

Early in October Bishop Ira Markam, with counselors James Christensen and J. D. Terry were able to announce purchase of a 6-acre walnut grove on Concord Blvd., site for a future Chapel. Concord Ward, organized March 1 with 267 members, now reports 425 on the records.

Convention Style

M Men Gleaner Election

The M Men and Gleaners of Berkeley Stake met Friday Evening, October 17 at Berkeley Ward to elect their officers for the coming season. To keep in the swing of a year of campaigning, conventions and elections, the M Men and Gleaners staged a convention of their own to not only nominate, but to also elect.

The hall was decorated with banners of "I LIKE MIKE" and "GENE IS KEEN." The stage was set for a bang-up election.

Claremont ward came with paper plate badges advertising their candidate. They had signs and banners. Songs were sung for candidates, with words explaining just why that person was best for the job.

Dave Fry, retiring chairman, was in charge and opened the meeting. The keynote address was given by Floyd Pickett, Stake M Men Leader. Each nomination speech was limited to five minutes; likewise with demonstrations, usual five minute period.

On the first roll call, Gene Brannhall was elected chairman for the year, receiving fifty-five per cent of the votes. Lois Cline was elected Gleaner Representative and Bud Stone, M Men Rep-

resentative. Gene and Bud are from Berkeley Ward and Lois from Claremont.

Following the election, refreshments were served and the remainder of the evening was turned into a social event with folk dancing.

Regional Athletic Director
Kenneth Jensen, Walnut Creek's former bishop and owner of a Five-an-Dime store in Lafayette, has been named athletic supervisor of Division 12. This wide-spread division includes northern California stakes, as well as Reno stake, Nevada.

High lights in Elder Jensen's life include Box Elder High School where he was active in all sports and the Church's youth program; BYU and its athletics, and MIA basketball and softball, coaching at Lovell City Schools in Lovell, Wyoming where he also played on the basketball team which in 1942 won the All-Church M Men Tournament in Salt Lake City; 4½ years in the navy where he played on teams and also instructed in physical education; and then branch president and bishop in Walnut Creek Ward.

Currently Kenneth is coordinator of the Senior Aaronic Group of both Walnut Creek and Pleasant Hills Wards.

MIA

The "Improvement Era" campaigns, the "Meet Me at Mutual" nights, M Men-Gleaner elections and ward conferences have highlighted October activities or ward and stake MIA organizations.

Preliminary reports of the "Era" campaign to place the Improvement Era in every LDS home in Berkeley Stake, are encouraging. Present indications are that it will be a record year. The Era campaign motto "Read Truth—Not Trash" has born fruit.

"Meet Me at Mutual" night, designed to acquaint every ward member with the work and responsibilities of the Mutual, was even more successful than last year.

Successful ward conferences were held in Martinez and East Richmond wards with stake MIA officers and leaders participating.

The month also saw the addition of some new members to the Stake Mutual Boards YMMIA. Dr. Raymond L. Knight was called to the chairmanship of the Stake MIA Scout and Explorers Committee.

Appointed in the YMMIA were Thelma Giovanini as dance manager and Ruth Wescott as Bee Keeper. Leola Esperson was released as Stake Music Director, with regret and best wishes.

J. Robert Brinton
Elder J. Robert Brinton has returned from his successful mission to the Eastern States Mission where he labored among three different tribes of Indians.

At the Hill Cumorah annual pageant "Bob" was chosen to enact the role of Nephi.

HIGH PRIEST'S DINNER
ADDRESSED BY

ELDER WM. VAUGHN
At the annual dinner of the high priests' quorum which entirely filled the Berkeley Ward recreation hall October 25, Elder William Vaughn of Claremont Ward reported his mission in Australia. Elder Vaughn's missionary expenses had been defrayed by the high priests' quorum.

A delicious ham dinner and enjoyable entertainment program delighted a record attendance from every ward and branch in the stake.

East Richmond Ward

By LOLA MAIZIE

In our September Testimony meeting John Stagg, Nancy Pitcher, David Esperson, and Ida Dani were confirmed. We welcome Sister Dani and congratulate the stake missionaries. Christine Joyce Leavitt was christened by her paternal grandfather, Bishop Vincent E. Leavitt of Bunkerville, Nev. In September Kenneth Davis was presented for graduation from Primary by Primary President Grace Clark. Kenneth was also sustained for advancement in the priesthood.

The Hawaiian room in the Richmond Civic Auditorium was the setting one Sunday in September for an afternoon social under the supervision of the Young Ladies Mutual. The mothers and daughters of the ward were invited. During this happy Sunday afternoon Gay Quinn, Lavon Carman, Meredith Lundberg, Judith Carman, Janae Bledsoe, Bonnie Clark, Myla Rae Larsen, Pauline Taylor, Diana Madsen, Delores Peake, Carolyn Taylor and Janice Kaufman were honored for their outstanding work. The awards were presented by Bishop Clinton Esperson. Stake board members present were Stake President Almadene Feller, Nola Sullivan, Maxine Wilson, Thelma Giovanini, and

BERKELEY FIRST Rummage Sale November 21-22, Needs Lots of Things

By MARGARET FIFE.

Recent Ward Highlights: A gala Halloween costume party on Oct. 28, M Men and Gleaners in charge. Oct. 19, 13 girls awarded individual honors for outstanding activity and attendance program, Vilate Gardner being presented a gold award honoring her 100 per cent attendance record at all meetings during the past year.

The Reed H. Chase family in an outstanding musical assembly program at the MIA, "Meet Me at Mutual," last month.

From Berkeley First Ward attending General Conference in Salt Lake City were President W. Glenn Harmon, President and Mrs. Wayne E. Mayhew, Bishop Cornell E. Jarmon, Frederick J. Huish, the Joseph C. Eyrings, the Senior and Junior Delbert H. Rocks, LaVon Johnson, and the O. Leslie Stones. The Stones met son Bud in Salt Lake as he returned from the Argentine Mission and attended conference with him. Welcome home, Bud! We are proud of your accomplishments in the mission field.

Relief Society President La Vern Rock, reminds all of the rummage sale November 21 and 22. Anxiously desired are books, toys, clothing, appliances, bric-a-brac, and all miscellaneous items. Please bring them to the chapel or contact Relief Society officers for pickup.

The Singing Mothers gave a beautiful program at the Relief Society Conference in November.

The Delbert H. Rocks brought LaVern's mother, Mrs. Williams, from Salt Lake with them to spend the winter in Berkeley.

Wayne (Bud) and Joan Mayhew have purchased a home in Los Altos, where Bud will be connected in business with his father, President Mayhew, as an auditor.

George and Mardell Hall spent three weeks during September, touring in the East. In Detroit they purchased a new car and stopped to visit with son, Richard, a student at BYU in Provo.

The Alameda County Chapter Chorus admirably performed at the Convention of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers last month at the Hotel Utah. Berkeley's LaVon Johnson directed the group, and was assisted by Lucille Ream at the piano.

Ariel and Inez Anderson and their family are enjoying their new home in Provo. They send greetings.

A spring wedding is announced for Don Merrill and Karen Nelson of Seattle.

The Dwight Dixons spent two weeks visiting folks in Gooding, Idaho.

A hearty welcome and a warm handshake is extended to the following newcomers to Berkeley First Ward:

Lois Cline, 2451 Le Conte Ave.; Carolyn Jupp, 422 6th St.; LaVar Robertson, 2317 Hearst Ave.; John F. Lee, 2317 Hearst Ave.; Harlan Nelson, 1237 Campus Drive; Stanley Clawson, 1740 Buena.

CLAREMONT WARD Donnie Anderson New Primary President

By JULIA BARRETT.

A hearty welcome to the following new members of the ward: Wilford Jones, John and Evelyn Martinez, Down Houghton, Dean Gledhill, Shirley Redline, Gerald Smith, the Rondo Anderson family, and the John Hunter family.

A Court of Honor for Troop 18 was held Oct. 15. Jack Dunford received the Star Award, Delbert Ellsworth received First Class and Charles Carter and David Tucker received second class awards. Merit badges were awarded to several other scouts.

Florence Millward has been released from the Primary Presidency. In her place is Donnie Anderson. She, along with her counselors, Anita Hancock and Virginia Wood, urge the parents to send their children to Primary. This organization benefits the child in many ways, the most important being the building of a strong Latter-day Saint foundation.

There are two people in the Ward who certainly deserve the heartfelt gratitude of every member for their faithful work in the Junior Sunday School. Flossie and Jim Galbraith have just been released from their positions of Junior Sunday School Superintendents after years of service. Mary Eldridge has accepted the new position. As many ward members have said, "Mary is the perfect choice for the Junior Sunday School Leadership." A social was held Oct. 13 in honor of the outgoing Galbraiths and incoming Sister Eldridge.

The potluck dinner which was held Sept. 26 at the new chapel was very successful. Besides an excellent cuisine, the greeting of old Claremont warders made the evening very enjoyable.

Lee Esperson. Also Clyde Sullivan, stake high council representative.

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BERKELEY SECOND David Owen Honored as Student Body Head

By ANNA LEA SPENCER

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Congratulations, David Owens, on being elected student body president of Portola Junior high school.

A September court of honor saw David Ream and John Huish made Life Scouts; Arthur Hopkins, Eldon Ream, Tom Hopkins, Star Scouts, and Bill Owens, Carl Johnson and Don Jarmon, First Class Scouts.

The Relief Society's opening party October 16, was a big success. Sister Preil Green gave the theology, and Ethel Dietliker, the visiting teacher's lessons. A lovely luncheon was served. New officers and teachers this year are: Helen Jensen, president; Ann Crockett and Janet Balmforth, counselors; Preil Green, theology; Elaine Evans, literature; Ida Holmes, social studies; Barbara Langlois, work and business; Ethel Dietliker, visiting teachers, and Eva Harker, secretary. There will be free baby tending this year. There will be a pre-Christmas sale of handiwork done by the ladies.

Thanks to all who helped make the bazaar and carnival a splendid social and financial success.

We wish to welcome Marie Burtelson and daughters as new members of our Church; also Wayne Godfrey.

PLEASANT HILLS Relief Society Bazaar Set For December 5

By DORA FRIEDRICH

BISHOP'S MESSAGE—"Let all remember tithes and offerings. The end of the year will soon be upon us and a report will be sent to Salt Lake City indicating whether each member is a full tithe-payer or not. All should plan now to square tithing accounts with the Lord."

"Further, let us pay our fast offerings."

"And let us complete as promised our pledges to the ward budget and building funds."

"Remember that those who pay a full tithing find little difficulty in meeting the other contributions needed to advance the Lord's work. May the Lord bless each of you."

—JOSEPH ROY HILTON, Bishop.

At the fun-filled Fall Festival, sponsored October 10 by the combined Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek Wards, both fun and finances won out.

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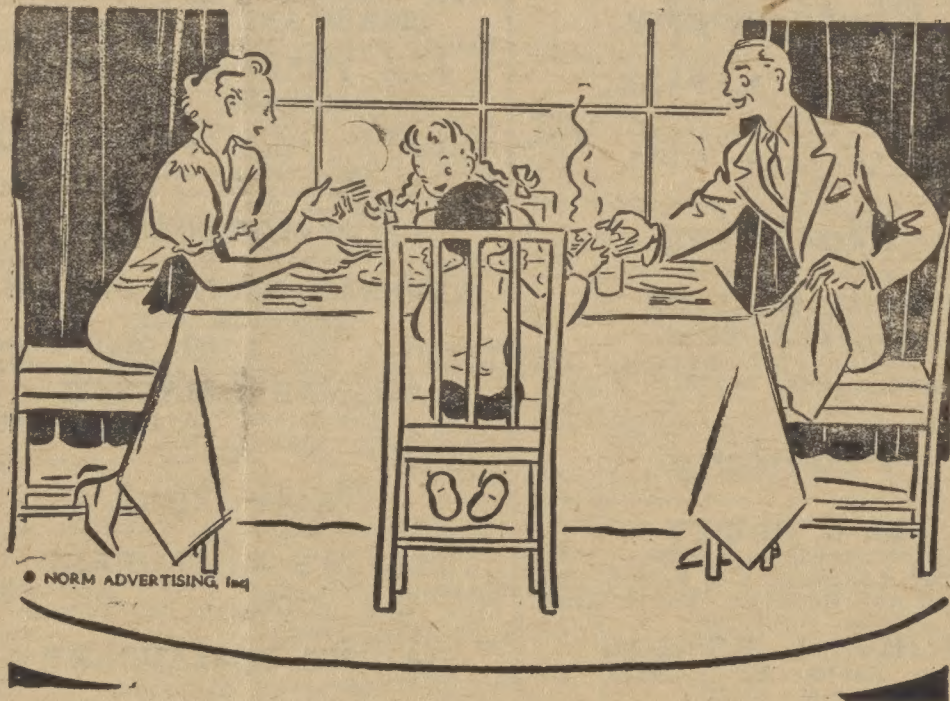


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By ALVA MAE FORSYTH

PRIMARY—Mamie and Lyle Fullmer have returned from a vacation in Idaho Falls, where they visited Lyle's relatives.

The Primary was host to the children at the ward fair on October 24. . . . The Primary welcomes a new teacher, Venita Harieth, for the Bluebird class.

A Halloween party for Martinez Ward children was given October 30, with decorations and spooks galore.

DEACONS—During the month the Deacon's quorum presidency was organized. Brother Mi-

chael Carlston is now president, with Robert Owens and Jerry Johnson, counselors.

The deacons went on a Saturday fishing excursion to the river near Rio Vista, accompanied by Brothers Brandon Kent and James Busby. The 11-year-old scouts were included, making nearly 20 in all. Nearly everyone caught some fish and enjoyed the swimming and picnic.

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VALLEJO SECOND WARD New Finance Committee To Pep Building Fund

By MARGENE SEVERSON
Bishop's Message: Tithing
Tithing must be voluntary, an obligation self-assumed, but one to be observed with full purpose of heart by those who claim good standing in the Church.

It is essential that men learn to give. Human wisdom has failed to devise a better means of individual contribution than the tithe.

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Latter-day Saints believe that the tithing system has been divinely appointed for their observance. Under this system the saints have prospered and prevailed.

The prime purpose behind the establishment of the law of tithing is the development of the soul of the tithing payer.

On October 2, 1952, all the members of the Vallejo 2nd ward bishopric and their wives met at the Logan Temple to attend the wedding of Nora Hoyer and Blaine Christensen. The newlyweds are making their home in San Diego.

Last month, September 10, a baby girl, Cheryl Joy, was born to Vivian and Paul Garrett. The father, who is still overseas in Japan and Korea, is still looking forward to seeing his first child.

Bishop and Mrs. Harris received word that they were again Grandparents. A grandson, Timothy, was born to their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mathews, who live in Walnut Creek.

Quarterly conference was held this time in Vallejo. Truly it was an enjoyable conference, with Elder Ezra Taft Benson and his son as principle speakers.

The ward Harvest Ball was held September 18.

A new Finance Committee has been organized for the purpose of raising money for the Building Fund. Newel Standley Sr., heads the committee with William Morgan and Fenton Christensen as assistants.

A Sunday School has recently been organized in Benicia. They have had a very good attendance. Enoch Ward is supervisor with Carl Ivie and LeRoy Schaugard as assistants and Laura Madsen, secretary.

Santa Rosa Ward

By IMOGENE ALLEN
The coveted individual award was presented to four girls by Marilyn Soderquist, YWMA president, at a recent sacrament meeting. The girls so honored were: Myrna Stoddard, LaVon Cheney, Florence Schultz and Darlene Moss.

This award was originated to build in the young people a deeper testimony of the gospel. By consistent participation in welfare work, speech, attending Sunday school, sacrament meeting and Mutual, and by living up to the standards of the Church. We are looking forward to many more girls achieving this honor next year.

PRIMARY—A delightful "high trail" day was recently spent by the 11-year Seagull class. With their leader, Martha Fisher, and the fine chattering of Erna Tuft, the girls went to the home of Miss Andrea Griffiths where a barbeque lunch was served. Later the group visited a doll museum. Kathy Hammerstrom, LaVelle Schick, Rebecca Hall, Andrea Griffiths, Judy Zindel and Caroling Tuft were the girls participating in this activity.

The Zion boys and girls played host to their parents at a recent meeting. Stories telling of things accomplished in their classes during the past year climaxed the event, ably directed by their leader, Lois Kenworthy.

RELIEF SOCIETY—Fine handiwork in the form of baby clothes, aprons, dish towels, pillow slips and many others items along with home made bread and cakes payed off in a successful afternoon for the Relief Society at their recent bazaar. Mrs. Ena Squires, second counselor to President Mary Crockett, was in charge of the affair.

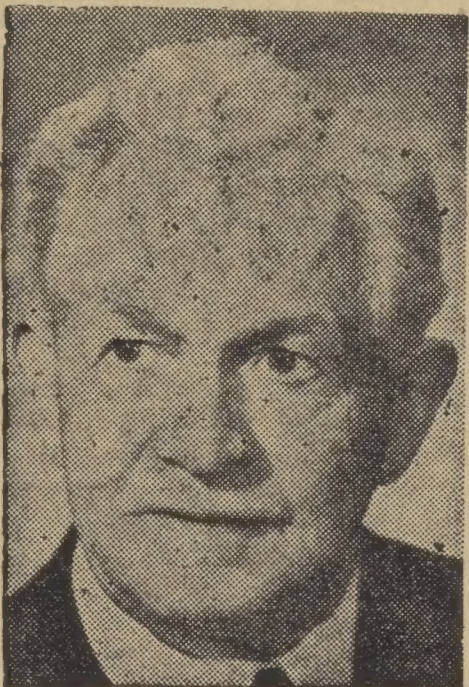
Pres. David O. McKay Tells Church Growth At Oct. Conference

I am grateful this morning as I bid you welcome to this, the 123rd Semi-Annual Conference that I can give you an encouraging report of conditions in the Church as a whole, and that it is to the best of its ability and resources trying to discharge its obligations in preaching the Restored Gospel.

You will be pleased to hear a few items, even though I must mention them but briefly, which justify my saying that the Church is moving steadily forward on its destined course.

Facts Showing Progress

There are now 195 organized stakes in the Church, an increase of over 100 per cent in the last 25 years. There are 43 missions in the Church, including the new Central American Mission. Since we last met in General Conference



ence there have been approximately 38 new wards and 17 new branches organized, making a total number of wards and independent branches of 1,736.

During 1952, up to Sept. 30, there were 84 new chapels dedicated. Before the end of the year there will be 53 more ready for dedication, making a total of 137 chapels dedicated or ready for dedication. Besides this, there are 389 chapels in process of construction, 50 of which are in missions.

At present you will be pleased to know that there are, in European missions, Church-owned chapels as follows: British, 39; (You former missionaries to Britain will be pleased to know that); Danish, 5; East German, 6; Finland, 10 (after only five years of organization); French, 3; Netherlands, 8; Norwegian, 3; Swedish, 14; Swiss-Austrian, 3; West Germany, 6; making a total of 99 places owned by the Church in European missions.

NAPA WARD

Wayne King Really Carries That Football

Ward members are proud of Wayne King and the fine record as a high school football player he is making for himself. A son of Mr. and Mrs. Al King, Wayne has proven himself the best ground gainer among the ball carriers of the Napa High Indians.

It will be an extra special Thanksgiving for families and friends of Dick Todd and Bob Morton as both are expected to reach home early in November after long tours of duty in the armed services.

Thanks to those who contributed and helped.

We welcome these new faces into the ward: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Melvin Rollins and family, William R. Ashmore, Robert S. Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Lund and family, the Richard H. Mitchells, Florence I. Hansen, May Phillip Kent, Clayton B. Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Oederkirk and two small sons.

The following babies were named in Santa Rosa ward: Mary Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley George Magowan; Mark Wylie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Lund, and Kent Wayne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne C. Welch.

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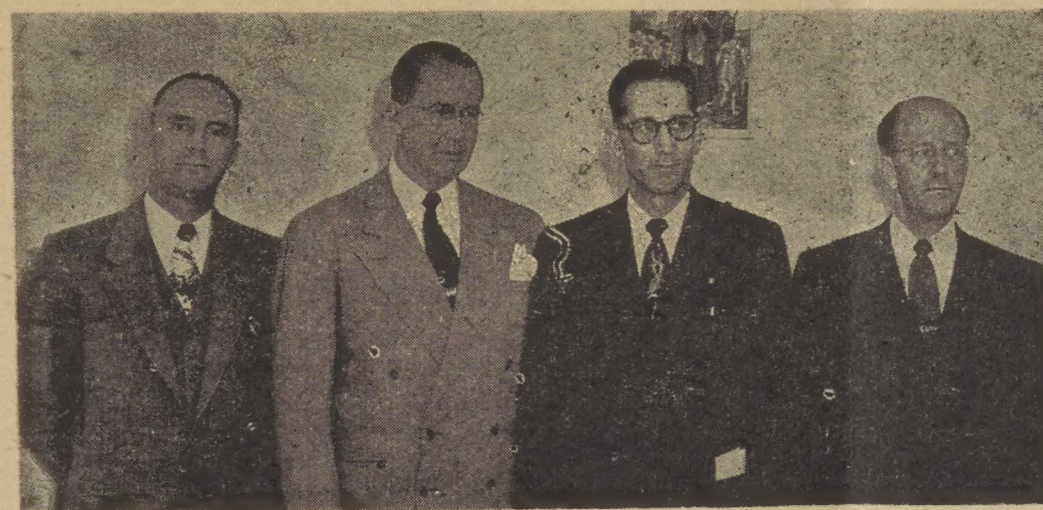
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Four Leaders at Santa Rosa Conference: Byrne, Benson, Murdock and Knowlton.

Era Taft Benson of the Council of the Twelve, and the presidency of Santa Rosa Stake, as they appeared at the Santa Rosa Stake Conference, October 12-13, 1952. Left to right, Thomas C. Byrne, Counselor, Elder Benson, Apostle; John L. Murdock, Stake President; and Bryant Knowlton, Counselor.

Dr. John A. Widtsoe

... his autobiography out. IN A SUNLIT LAND, the autobiography of Dr. John A. Widtsoe. Published by Milton R. Hunter and G. Homer Durham, Deseret News Press, Salt Lake City; 261 pages; \$3; 63 illustrations.

Reviewed by HAROLD LUNDSTROM

Youth will stand in awe and respect as they learn, page by page, of the most heroic achievements accomplished by this tireless Norwegian immigrant lad. His gaining an education at the Utah State Agricultural College, Harvard University, Goettingen University, and the Zurich Polytechnic is an impressive story.

Observations Given
Somehow, the more forthrightly Dr. Widtsoe expresses himself, the more one trusts his observations. Particularly is this true in his chapters relating to the Church and his call to the Council of the Twelve.

"Compared with the churches of the world, the Church of Jesus Christ, as restored through Joseph Smith, looks like a field of ripening grain by the side of scattering stalks. . . . Even the acceptance of a single doctrine of the Lord Jesus Christ changes life for the better."

Tells of Appointment Concerning his call to the

Petaluma Br. News

Branch Presidency's Message
"Silver is but silver until it is stamped with the king's image; then it becomes the legal tender of the land."

By receiving and obeying the priesthood of God, we too will have the image of the Great King stamped upon us, and be eligible to enter and lead others into his Kingdom of Heaven.

Gen. Baldwin.
The Relief Society held their opening social with a program and refreshments. Each teacher outlined her lessons for the year. The husbands were included in the evening's delights.

Welcome into the membership of the Branch, 8-year old Jimmy Sut.

Our beloved "Dr. Mark" Lewis is in the Stanford hospital convalescing from major surgery, and doing well. . . . Alice Elplick is back home after surgery operation, showing bandages, but smiling as wide as the bandages are wide.

October 22 was the start of conference week for Petaluma. Primary and Relief Society presented their conference Wednesday. Ward conference came October 26.

Each auxiliary seems to be busier than the others, but it is in good works that we find happiness. Ralph Hodgson reminds us that we are in His service even in the quiet periods of devotion.

"God loves an idle rainbow No less than the laboring sea."

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Two Apostles Ill

In the opening address delivered by President David O. McKay at opening session of the 123rd semi-annual general conference in the Salt Lake Tabernacle, Oct. 3, 1952, reference was made to two members of the Council of the Twelve who were absent from the conference for reasons of ill health.

Early in June, while sitting with his brethren of the Council of the Twelve in the regular weekly meeting, Elder A. E. Bowen was suddenly stricken. For several weeks he and his loved ones and his brethren, thought that he was very close to the brink. He has sufficiently recovered to be able to move about in his room, but as previously announced, he is unable to be present with us this morning.



ALBERT A. BOWEN

He is a great soul, a stalwart leader, a man who possesses a brilliant mind and true nobility of soul. We extend to Brother Bowen this morning the love and confidence of the Church. If he is listening in, we wish him to know that we love him, admire him, he has our united faith and prayers for a complete recovery. We need him.

We are sorry that Elder Widtsoe is unable to be with us this morning. We hope that the Lord will bless him sufficiently to join us later in the sessions of this conference.

E. Richmond Ward

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mend the workers for their untiring efforts that have made this project a success.

Our high council speakers on Sunday September 21 were Frederick J. Hatt and Clyde Sullivan. They touched upon the sub-

ject of training our youth following the theme, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart therefrom." . . . An example of good home training was presented by Raymond Stanley, a deacon, who was the youth speaker of the evening and gave a talk on "The Tower of Babel and the Confusion of Tongues."

Our services have enjoyed the singing of our double trio consisting of Aleene Wightman, Leah Tidwell, Kay Ballard, Claire Engel, Artha Lubeck and Venna Pitcher. Especially pleasing was their rendition of "My Testimony," accompanied by Virginia Bledsoe.

Recently in our ward we heard from Lafayette Orme, patriarch of the San Fernando Stake. We enjoyed his burning testimony as one who had known many of our former prophets.

Welcome to the new families in our ward: Anna Ballingham from Grouse Creek Ward, Stanley Kinter from Richmond ward, William Wight from National City Ward, Paul Tolton, Willits Branch of Santa Rosa Stake, Caroline Bennett of Rodeo Branch, and the George Gowans family from Logan, Utah. Brother Gowans favored us with lovely violin solos.

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Pleasant Hills Ward

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mussen, Don Clark, Ione Buskirk, Virginia Uffens, Maxine Pickett, Lester Swayze, Gene Jensen, Paul Corbridge, Jerry Hawkins and Don Clark.

Relief Society, Metta Nielsen has been named social science leader. Members of the Relief Society are preparing articles for the Dec. 5 Bazaar.

Semi-Annual General Conference
Going with Lester Swayze in his car were Bishop Hilton, Robert Chalmers, Bishop Robert Larson and his son, David, Darrell Williams and Al Uffens.

Bill and Willette Mickleberry and son Darrell left our Ward this month for their new home in Los Angeles. Bill's work as Post Advisor of our Air Scout Explorer Post, is being assumed by Howard Pierce.

MIA members thoroughly enjoyed participating in the "T-V" show held in conjunction with other Berkeley Stake Boards in Berkeley.

Reuben Friedrich, manager of the new Pleasant Hill Ward Basketball Team hopes many young men will participate.

Walnut Harvest. Bishop Hilton thanks everyone for helping harvest walnuts and states that the crop of 900 pounds this year will exceed last year's.

Velda Coffin and hubby, Don, celebrated their wedding anniversary this month. Velda's mother, Mrs. Lee Greenwell of Paul, Idaho is spending two weeks here.

Diane, 5, on October 11, invited 12 of her little friends to share her birthday cake at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Griedrich.

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RODEO BRANCH

New Meeting Time;

Sac. Meeting 6 p.m.

By MARGIE HAYDEN

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Wesley J. Pryor, 2nd Counselor

October 1 to September 30 is the fiscal year for the Rodeo Branch, bringing the problem of our annual finances to our immediate attention. Our budget for the coming year falls under three headings: (1) the Branch Budget \$700; (2) the Branch Welfare budget \$500; and (3) the Building Fund, \$2400. These make a total for the year of \$3,600 to be raised among the membership of the Rodeo Branch up to September 30, 1953.

During the past year, we fell short considerably, but it is felt that if everyone in the Branch understands the problems, we could well complete our budget during the coming fiscal year.

Our Building Fund should be of greatest concern to all of us, because when we get a suitable building we can fully offer the class instruction, the recreational and cultural programs to the membership and also attract non-members to the Church.

When we analyze the financial requirements for the coming year in terms of amount required from each family, it appears that the amount is \$30.00 per family for the year, which is \$2.50 per month or approximately \$1.10 a day by each family to maintain the Branch. This small sacrifice by us will enable us to keep the Branch's finances in good shape.

Sacrament meeting time has been changed to 6 p.m. for the winter to enable school children to attend with their parents and still get to bed early.

Our microphone now makes it possible for us to hear those speakers with soft voices.

Making the trip to conference in Salt Lake were President Ruel Wanlass and his family, Leonard and Dayton Smith, and Cleon Pitt and his family.

The Relief Society began its regular meetings with the theology lesson, followed by a delicious luncheon.

The Primary is happy to have Margaret Lott and Isabelle Ray join its teaching staff.

Malcom Davis of the Sunday School superintendency is recovering from illness in the hospital.

Two magazine drives are underway, the "Era" under direction of Phil Lewis and "The Children's Friend," directed by Florence Wanlass.

We extend a hearty welcome to five new members of our Branch. Recently baptized were Wilbur Parsons and four of his children, Velma, Steve, George and Louella. Mrs. Parsons and two young children, Ranae and Wanda, complete this fine family.

We gain nothing by being with such as ourselves; we encourage mediocrity. I am always longing to be with men more excellent than myself. —Charles Lamb.

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G. H. Macey (Herb)



G. H. Macey (Herb) has been recently appointed campaign chairman for the 1953 Boy and Girl Scout Raising drive for Contra Costa County.

This \$39,000 campaign, uniting fund raising for both Boy and Girl Scouts, is unique, being the only one of its kind in the nation, it is declared.

"Herb" Macey (Pleasant Hills Ward) is assistant superintendent in the Berkeley Stake YMMIA, an active member of the Berkeley Jr. Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the local National Safety Council. Mr. Macey is an advertising salesman, a past scoutmaster and a present member of the executive board of the Mt. Diablo Council of Boy Scouts of America.

The Eugene Hiltons Tour Around World

A letter from Elder Eugene Hilton dated October 21 states that he and Ruth are making plans to return to Oakland from England by the way of the Pacific.

The "Missionary Hiltons" will be released February 13 from their successful two years plus service in the British Mission and will reach home in late May.

After spending some months in genealogical research, they will point their noses east, and go through the Holy Land during the week of April 6. After visiting with Pres. Vinal Mauss of the Japanese Mission, the touring Hiltons will stop at Hawaii

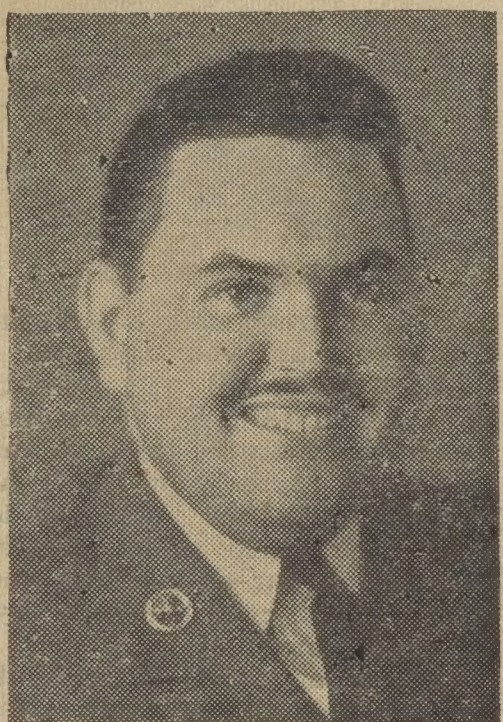
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A 1946 University of Utah graduate has hit movie stardom in Hollywood at age 26. Keith Larsen Burt, son of Elwood Burt who operates restaurants in Salt Lake and Seattle, is known in the films as Keith Larsen.

Larsen has had a variety of roles in his last four screen plays. In "Son of Belle Starr," he portrays a rugged westerner; in "Flat Top," he is an embittered Navy flier, grounded because he disobeyed orders. In "The Rose Bowl Story," he is a studious football player; in "Hiawatha" he portrays an Indian caught up between two warring factions.

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CLYDE V. L. PEARSON

Clyde V. L. Pearson of Balboa First Ward has been selected by the U. S. Navy Selection Board for the permanent grade of Commander, United States Naval Reserve, in recognition of his war time service with Amphibious Forces, Pacific, as a Chief Staff Officer.

He has been active in a Naval Reserve Unit specializing in personnel planning.

Employed professionally in Boy Scout work for 20 years, he is now Assistant Scout Executive, director of the Explorer program, and director of Organization and Extension in the San Francisco Area Council.

In addition, he serves as a Regional Scout representative for the West Coast Headquarters of the Naval Air Force, Army and Marine Corps where he coordinates the use of training aids, bases, cruises, flights and the use of trained military manpower in furthering Boy Scouting.

He is currently on the National Boy Scout Jamboree Committee as Sectional Director of Publicity and the Local Director of Tours for the Jamboree to be held at the Irving Ranch near Santa Anna, California, July 17 to 23, 1953.

Clyde Pearson is the son of the late Vance Pearson, former bishop of Balboa Ward.

and visit the Temple there. Eugene states they hope to influence Bro. and Sis. Phelps to make this round-world tour with them.

Just Between Us Messenger Reporters

Capitalization of Church Words as prescribed in the Deseret News Handbook of Style," 1952, shows the following:

Aaronic Priesthood, Bee Hive Girls, Church, Church Welfare Program, Latter-day Saints, Gleaner Girls, the Gospel, Holy Priesthood, MIA Stake Board, MIA Maids, Pioneer (for first company), the Restoration of the Gospel, Restored Church, Salt Lake or Mesa Temple, Boy Scout, Girl Scouts, Special Interest class, atonement, stake, ward, branch (unless specific name), celestial kingdom, general or stake conference, gift of Holy Ghost, heaven, high council, millenium, prophet (except referring to Joseph Smith), sacrament, scriptures, scouting, stake presidents and bishops except as titles.

AGAIN THE DEADLINE Messenger deadline is 20th of each month. If anyone likes to beat the deadline, say between the 15th and 20th, we will thank them.

Brevity. Space compels stricter brevity; say the same things in fewer words. For instance, just list the name, date of birth, and parents; delete the pleasant congratulations, and weight of baby.

Stanford LDS Prof Now Senior Economist

Dr. J. Knight Allen, Palo Alto, Calif., Brigham Young University alumnus, has been appointed a senior economist by the Stanford Research Institute, according to Dr. J. E. Hobson, institute director.

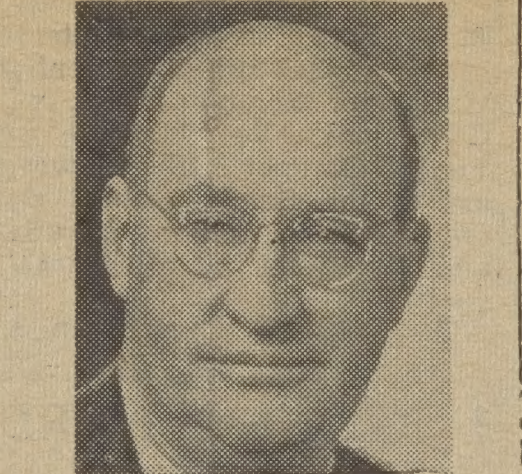
Dr. Allen was associate professor of finance in Stanford university graduate school before joining the institute staff. He will continue giving lectures at the school during the current fall quarter.

With the institute, he will engage in research projects for private industry and for the United States and foreign governments.

Dr. Allen holds the degrees of master of business administration and PhD in business and economics from Stanford.

Two Muir Books Again For Christmas

Two popular books of the 1930's, "Flashes From The Eternal Semaphore" and "The Upward Reach," are now begin re-



published at Desert News Press in Salt Lake City.

These books were written by Leo J. Muir. The first ran through four editions of 12,000 copies, and the second through two editions of 6,000 copies.

The two books are now being published under one cover and will sell at \$2.50.

On the basis of former demand, this new edition will be popular as Christmas gifts this year.

Archeology Society Issues New Bulletin

Latter-day Saints find much pleasure in following Central American archeological discoveries, according to the Archeology Society's August Bulletin of which Dr. M. Wells Jakeman is editor.

Dr. Jakeman, who was active in Berkeley Stake while taking work at the U. C. for the PhD. in archeology, writes the final report on the BYU expedition to middle America in 1948. At that time President W. Glenn Harmon and Thos. S. Ferguson, attorney, author and archeologist, both of Berkeley, accompanied Dr. Jakeman.

Ross T. Christensen of the BYU faculty also contributes an article on ancient American bean-writing, the first such extended treatment of bean writing in the English language.

It is announced that membership in the Archeology Society to receive current bulletins is open to all members of the church who write to Dr. Jakeman at the BYU.

Natural Food Use, Storage Assigned High Priests Quorum

Family storage and daily use of natural foods is the high priests' assignment recently placed upon them by the Berkeley Stake presidency.

A "Food Conservation Committee" headed by Nathan Tolman and representing stake quorums and auxiliaries met Sunday, October 19, at the home of the Tolmans in Berkeley to organize sub-committees, and to discuss the overall nature of their work.

The possibilities of storage, current utilization, and group purchase of such gifts of nature as wheat, potatoes, honey, cheese, powdered milk and dried fruits were mentioned as examples of the problems to be considered by the committee.

Sub-committees were set up as follows: food storage headed by Willard Knowles of Martinez and education and publicity chairmaned by Irene Ranker of Orinda. Other sub-committees set up but not named were group buying and flour mill and its products. The high priests all ready own and operate a flour

mill at the Berkeley Welfare Center.

OAKLAND STAKE CALENDAR

By MELVA RAINFY, Stake Age Group Counsellor.
SOCIAL AND ACTIVITY MEETINGS
NOVEMBER

Sat. 8—247th Quorum Social. Old Fashioned Basket Supper, Dimond Ward.....7:30 p.m.
Sun. 9—Stake Sunday School Union Meeting, San Leandro Wd. 2 p.m.
Mon. 10—M Men Basketball Tournament Opening, Elmhurst Junior High.....7:30 p.m.
Wed. 12—Hayward MIA Ward Conference, Hayward Ward.....7:30 p.m.
Thurs. 13—Stake Missionary Social (to be announced).
Sun. 16—Hayward Ward Conference—All Meetings.
Thurs. 20—Stake MIA Leadership Meeting, Elmhurst Ward.....7:30 p.m.
Fri. 21—Maxwell Park H M S Pinafore, Building Fund, Oakland Auditorium Theatre.....8 p.m.
Sat. 22—Stake Priesthood Leadership, Dimond Ward.....7:30 p.m.
Wed. 26—Oakland, Berkeley Stake's Harvest Ball, Scottish Rite Auditorium.....9 p.m.
Thurs. 27—Thanksgiving Day.

DECEMBER

Fri. 5—Elmhurst Relief Society Bazaar, Elmhurst Ward.
Sat. 6—Dimond Ward Bazaar, Dimond Ward.
Tues. 9—Alameda MIA Conference, Alameda Ward.....7:30 p.m.
Fri. 12—All Stake Leaders and Partners' Social, (to be announced).
Sat. 13—Girls' Fashion Presentation, (to be announced).
Sun. 14—Alameda Ward Conference, Alameda Ward, All Meetings.

"The Liahona" Cantata Published At Last

Hurrah! Calif. Tops Church Teaching

The Church News of October 18, carried the happy news that for August, 1952, eight out of 25 stakes of the Church averaging highest in ward teaching were California stakes.

South Los Angeles stake led the Church with 91.5 per cent, followed by others as follows:

Santa Monica, third; E. Long Beach, eighth; Glendale, nineteenth; Los Angeles, twenty-first and Long Beach, twenty-fifth.

It is interesting to note that South Los Angeles stake also led the Church for August, 1952, in the matter of priesthood attendance at their quorum and sacrament meetings. In the first twenty-five stakes in this category also are found six other southern California stakes.

2 Lumber Companies LDS Locally Owned

The Alameda Lumber Sales, and the Beaver Lumber Company were recently set up at the time the former Bodily Mill and Lumber Company of San Leandro was dissolved.

The same LDS owners are involved in each case. The men are Thys Winkel, W. Glenn Harmon, Dr. Milton Ream, Fabian Ream and manager Francis B. Winkel.

Located at 750 Thornton Street San Leandro, California the Alameda Sales will serve as the sales agents for the Beaver Lumber Company. This latter organization takes the rough lumber, and processes it into the finished products of the trade.

This processing of rough lumber includes drying, and milling into all sorts of structural lumber, molding and sidings.

mill at the Berkeley Welfare Center.

The colorful and dramatic Book of Mormon Cantata, "The Liahona," by author and composer William King Driggs of Southern California has finally come off the press. A handsome bound octavo album of 116 pages contains the complete vocal score with piano and organ accompaniment. It is now available from the Pioneer Music Press of Salt Lake City.

Presented in 1951 in the Salt Lake Tabernacle, this thrilling choral composition by our former Oakland Stake music leader, W. King Driggs, was given its premiere hearing in the Oakland Auditorium Theatre in May 1933.

FIRST HEARD IN 1933 Since its first public rendition in 1933 it has enjoyed presentation with 100-voiced choruses in San Fernando, Long Beach, Pasadena, Riverside and Phoenix. All this culminated in the above mentioned tabernacle appearance and in a more recent 1952 performance at the great Temple "B'nai B'rith" in Los Angeles.

"This cantata," wrote Richard W. Young Jr., of Berkeley, "has the qualities of Bach and Beethoven and in many passages is significant of the Russian Tchaikowsky."

STORY OF NEPHEITE EXODUS "The Liahona Cantata," commented the Messenger in 1933 at the Oakland performance "tells the story of the exodus of the Nephites from Jerusalem to the promised land in a manner as distinctive in treatment as it is in melody."

"Perhaps the crowning musical achievement in the California LDS Colony is the composition and subsequent rendition of THE LIAHONA.... Both in the composition and the production of this dramatic cantata, the musicianship of William King Driggs has been established"—Century of Mormon Activities in California, Vol. I."

DeBonairs Announce

Opening Dances, '52-'53

The Peninsula Debonairs of the West Bay are set to open the 1952-'53 dancing seasons November 1st at the California Country Club, according to word received from Dorothy Chapin of Mento Park, secretary of the group.

The second dance, December 1st, is scheduled at Peninsula Country Club. The two other dances and the dinner dance will be held after the first of the year on dates yet to be announced. Dances are strictly formal. The officers of the Peninsula Debonairs are Frank A. Martin, president, Peggy Cresta, vice-president, and Wendell B. Christenson, treasurer. The maximum of couples in the group is sixty.

The board of sponsors, besides the officers already mentioned are the Paul W. Fife, the Claude T. Lindsays, the Rodman L. Pulleys, the Jesse Farris, and Mr. and Mrs. William Cole.

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